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ON THE COVER: Georgia Sen. Nan Grogan Orrock has devoted her life to fighting for equal rights, as did the late civil rights leader James Farmer. Orrock knew Farmer from their work in "the movement." She was photographed on Campus Walk near the statue that honors him.

THIS SPREAD: Lots of snow meant lots of fun on Ball Circle. *Photos by Norm Shafer*



Dear Editor,

The article [*Meant to Be*] in the fall/winter *UMW Magazine* on Marcy and June Morris was so inspirational. In this day and age, when people give up far too easily on their marriages, it is so sweet to hear of a couple who have been together for almost seven decades! And to know that their romance began at Mary Washington just adds to the story. Mary Washington has always been such a special place, and stories such as the Morris' make it even more so.

Thanks to the Morris' for sharing their beautiful love story and to your staff for bringing us such wonderful stories in each edition.

Kim Jones Isaac '87

Lawton, Okla.

Dear Editor,

Interesting column by UMW President Richard V. Hurley in *The Huffington Post* that I read in *University of Mary Washington Magazine*, delivered today. STEM is vitally important.

Mary Washington would be well positioned to stress STEAM – science, technology, engineering, ARTS, and mathematics. STEAM, both the concept and acronym, is not as well known but perhaps could be the subject of

The last edition's *Meant to Be* got social media love from @keepupwkaitlyn, Kaitlyn Crotty '13, on Instagram. Thanks, Kaitlyn, and good luck with grad school.

another column the president writes. Generally, "the arts" refers to music, art, dance, drama, and literature – all subjects that Mary Washington offers. So, combining STEM and STEAM, along with liberal arts, offers wonderful educational opportunities.

Helaine Patterson '68

Hamden, Conn.

Dear Editor,

Such a terrific article [*Memphis Museum Perfect Fit for Fashion Historian*] about Karen Kilgore Ralston '69. She is a special person, indeed. She was visiting her sister in Los Altos, Calif., a year or so ago, and she, Iris Harrell '69, Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness '69, and I got together for an afternoon, since I only live five minutes from Los Altos.

These alumni profiles help to strengthen the bonds made so long ago. Thank you for remembering those of us who graduated long ago but still have so much warmth in our hearts for UMW.

Phyllis Newby Thompson '69

Atherton, Calif.

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Classroom Named in Farmer's Honor



During the November dedication of the James Farmer Lecture Hall, the professor's voice rolled again through the classroom where he once taught. Farmer's Mary Washington lectures are part of a video archive compiled by history students.

Norm Shafer

We still have “mountains to climb and rivers to cross” in the struggle for civil rights, Georgia Sen. **Nan Grogan Orrock '65** told a crowd gathered in Monroe Hall in November.

Her speech, the centerpiece of the James L. Farmer Lecture Hall dedication, highlighted the power of “ordinary people” like the late James Farmer to forward the journey toward justice for all. Farmer, who founded the Congress of Racial Equality, taught history at Mary Washington for more than a decade. One of America's top civil rights leaders, he shared his experiences with thousands of UMW students, his resonant voice filling Monroe 104, the auditorium that now bears his name.

“It is indeed right and appropriate that we recognize James Farmer in this room in which he touched so many students,” said **Jeffrey W. McClurken '94**,

professor and chair of history and American studies, who was one of those students.

Farmer organized the 1961 Freedom Rides that led to desegregated interstate travel. He had a lead role in the United Council for Civil Rights Leadership and helped coordinate the 1963 March on Washington. Orrock, a tireless civil rights advocate who became the first white member of the black caucus in Atlanta and the first woman elected House majority whip, was a Mary Washington junior when she attended that march. It changed her life. She called James Farmer, whom she knew from the 1960s, “a visionary of the first order.”

Board of Visitors Rector **Holly Tace Cuellar '89** reminisced about her experience in Farmer's classroom. Captivated by his stories, she'd inch forward to catch every word, she said,

until she would find herself sitting at the edge of her seat.

During the ceremony, UMW President Richard V. Hurley presented Orrock with the prestigious James Monroe medal, which the university bestows on those who provide extraordinary service to humanity. He also unveiled the James L. Farmer Lecture Hall plaque.

That afternoon, Farmer's voice once again rose in the room as a video of one of his lectures played. “It wasn't just an introduction to the civil rights movement,” said Timothy O'Donnell, professor of communication, of the lessons Farmer taught before his death in 1999. “It was *the* introduction to the civil rights movement.”

Read more about Nan Grogan Orrock and her lifelong dedication to civil rights on page 14.



Historian Tops in Technology

Jeffrey W. McClurken '94, UMW professor and chair of history and American studies, was one of 12 professors named among Virginia's 2014 Outstanding Faculty.

The awards are the state's highest honor for faculty at its public and private colleges and universities. Chosen by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and

history and film. He team-teaches a class of students from 11 public liberal arts institutions who create a digital history project.

McClurken has written essays for *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* ProfHacker column and the U.S. Department of Education-funded TeachingHistory.org. He has published articles related to teaching with technology in *Hacking the Academy, A Different Kind of Web, Learning*

and film. He team-teaches a class of students from 11 public liberal arts institutions who create a digital history project.

"I love seeing what students can do if you push them out of their comfort zone. ... I love my job."

– Jeffrey W. McClurken '94



Norm Shafer

Virginia recognized Jeff McClurken for teaching with technology and named him among the state's outstanding faculty.

Dominion Resources, they recognize superior accomplishments in teaching, research, and public service.

McClurken, a leading advocate for integrating technology into teaching, is this year's "teaching with technology" recipient. He brings such tools as WordPress, Omeka, Facebook, Twitter, and wikis to the classroom.

"I love seeing what students can do if you push them out of their comfort zone while also providing them with support and opportunities to approach, both creatively and rigorously, the study of history," he said. "I love my job."

The Outstanding Faculty Award winners each received an engraved trophy and a \$5,000 check during a ceremony at Richmond's Jefferson Hotel in February.

Chair of the UMW President's Technology Advisory Council, McClurken teaches classes on U.S. history topics, American technology and culture, digital history, women's history, and

Through Digital Media, and the *Journal of the Association for History and Computing*. He regularly conducts workshops on teaching with technology for faculty at other institutions and national and regional conferences. He sits on the review board for the *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* and is the digital history reviews editor for *The Journal of American History*.

McClurken holds a master's and a doctoral degree in American history from Johns Hopkins University.

SCHEV Director Peter Blake said of the outstanding educators, "The scholarship and dedication of these honorees is a testament to the strength of Virginia's public and private two-year and four-year institutions."

Recycling Rules!

UMW joined more than 450 colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada for RecycleMania 2014. The annual eight-week competition encourages students to reduce waste and keep recyclables out of landfills. In its 14th year, RecycleMania runs in February and March - right alongside the NCAA basketball tournament.

UMW is in the "per capita classic" category, in which schools compete to see which can collect the largest weight of recyclables on a per-person basis. At UMW Magazine press time, Mary Washington had led Virginia each week, reporting 27 pounds of waste recycled per person in week four and nearly 140,000 pounds overall. Last year UMW took first place in Virginia and 12th overall, processing more than 200,000 pounds - 37,544 per person - of recyclables. Overall, last year's Recyclemania recovered 91 million pounds of recyclables and prevented the release of more than 100,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

RecycleManiacs - volunteers - visit residence halls to encourage recycling and haul away reusables. Faculty, staff, students, and community members get the opportunity to destroy confidential documents free during the March Shred. And this year students turned plastic 2-liter bottles into a UMW community-garden greenhouse.

School rankings are updated weekly on recyclemaniacs.org.



UMW Ecology Club



Speaking Center Among Nation's Best



Associate Professor of Communication Anand Rao, director of the Speaking Center, improved training for its peer consultants, left. The center is now one of only eight certified in the U.S.



"Strong communication skills are essential to succeed in every area of life." - Anand Rao

The UMW Speaking Center is one of only eight certified communication centers in the U.S. It received certification from the National Association of Communication Centers in January, joining such institutions as the universities of Pennsylvania, North Carolina at Greensboro, and Southern Mississippi.

The UMW Speaking Center helps students develop and polish oral communication skills, supporting objectives of a liberal arts education and of the UMW Speaking Intensive Program. Consultants are undergraduates trained to provide peer tutoring and consultations. The national certification is based on a review of how tutors and

consultants are trained.

"The center's training program was revamped this past fall and now provides broad support and communication training for new consultants," said Anand Rao, associate professor of communication and director of the Speaking Center. The center does more than just work on public speaking assignments - the center's consultants run workshops and classroom presentations on a variety of communication topics, and work with individuals and groups of students on presentations, class discussions, and interviews.

UMW opened the Speaking Center nearly 20 years ago. Now in Combs Hall,

it will move to the new Information and Technology Convergence Center this summer. Last year, the center served more than 1,600 students.

Knowing how to communicate is vital in today's world, Rao said. He has made presentations around the world and, for the past two summers, directed public speaking and debate workshops for high school students at Harvard University.

At UMW, students must take at least two speaking-intensive courses, 100 of which are being taught this semester.

"Strong communication skills," Rao said, "are essential to succeed in every area of life."

CEO Talks Business

The founder of a firm sought after by Fortune 500 companies brought his financial wisdom to campus in February.

Matt Ernst '94, who established the business and IT consulting firm Amentra, was this year's Executive-in-Residence. Now chairman of Walnut Grove Holdings, a Richmond-based investment corporation focused on early-stage technology companies, Ernst shared lessons in leadership and risk-taking.

Six years after earning a business

administration degree at Mary Washington, Ernst founded Amentra, which uses a unique mentoring model to help businesses upgrade operating systems and train staff.

The company made the 2005 Deloitte Technology Fast 500 list, and as its CEO, Ernst was a finalist for the 2007 EY Entrepreneur of the Year award. In 2008, Amentra had more than 140 employees and offices in four major U.S. cities when Ernst sold it to worldwide open-source technology



Matt Ernst '94

provider Red Hat.

The entrepreneur led presentations and discussions for students, staff, faculty, alumni, and regional

business leaders at UMW's Stafford and Fredericksburg campuses.

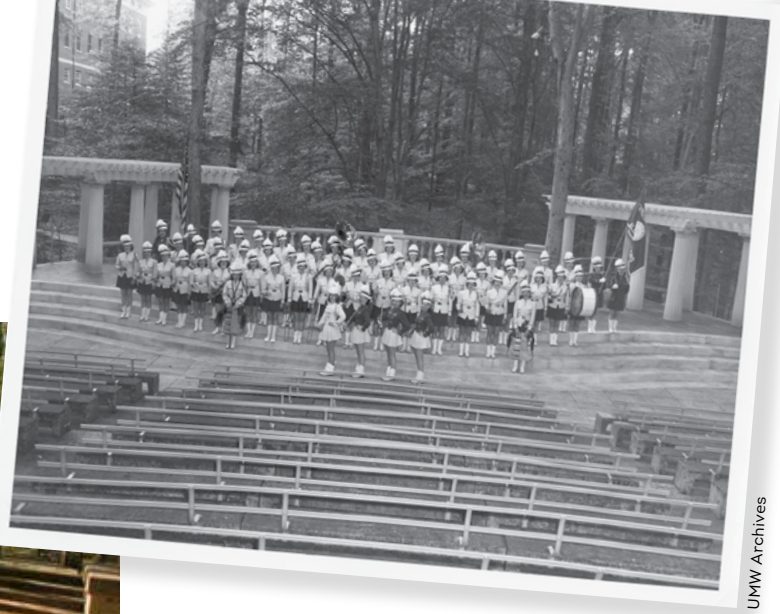
Ernst lives in Richmond with wife **Amy Henderson Ernst '94** and children Tyler, Anna, and Andrew. When he isn't in the boardroom, he enjoys golf, backcountry skiing, and modern art.



Amphitheater to Be Restored



Lynda Richardson



UMW Archives

The University of Mary Washington amphitheater, a much-loved feature of the Fredericksburg campus, is preparing for its second act, thanks in large part to a \$1 million challenge gift from Robert S. and **Alice Andrews Jepson '64**.

"I can't wait to get back to see all the things that have happened since I was there and to take time to walk through the amphitheater," Alice Jepson said. "When President Hurley told us that students still love the amphitheater, we decided our money would be well invested in helping to restore this area of campus that holds so many special memories for alumni and students alike."

Built of inexpensive materials in 1913 and more sturdily rebuilt in the 1920s,

the amphitheater – in a grove of trees near Sunken Road – has been home to many Mary Washington traditions. The amphitheater hosted commencement ceremonies from the 1930s until 1958, Devil-Goat Day through the 1970s, May Day celebrations, and numerous concerts and theater productions. When the weather is nice, some professors still hold classes in the shady spot.

In 1997, the Board of Visitors allocated \$40,000 – enough to make the area safe, but not to modernize it. In recent years, the amphitheater has fallen into disrepair, but it remains a cherished part of campus. Consultants recently examined the site and concluded that the amphitheater must be restored

now, or it could be lost forever.

"Students continue to enjoy the amphitheater, even in its current state, and they also care about preserving the history behind it," said President Richard V. Hurley. "I am absolutely thrilled that Bob and Alice Jepson have agreed to help support this important restoration initiative."

Experts estimate that it will cost \$3 million to return the amphitheater to its 1952-1953 appearance, which includes repairing and reconstructing damaged and missing pieces. The restoration will include weather-resilient benches and chairs to accommodate about 600 people. The amphitheater will be accessible to those with disabilities.

In addition to the Jepsons, **Elmer Morris Jr. '50** and **Marceline Weatherly Morris '50** of King George, Va., and **Laurie Mansell Reich '79** and Henry E. Reich Jr. of Kittanning, Pa., have made significant gifts to support the amphitheater restoration.

What Are Your Amphitheater Memories?

As UMW prepares to renovate the amphitheater, we remember that in its heyday – and in its various states of disrepair – its Doric columns and tiers of seats hosted official ceremonies and celebrations, but it also provided a serene setting for sweethearts and scholars to slip away to quiet and solitude. The amphitheater also captured the hearts of generations of Mary Washington students. We at *UMW Magazine* want to know your story: What makes the amphitheater precious to you?

Please email memories, stories, and photos to magazine@umw.edu.



UMW Top Fulbright Producer

Three UMW graduates received Fulbright grants in 2013, and that caught the attention of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The Fulbright scholars, **Aubrey Elliott '12, M.Ed. '13**; **Peter Hawes '12**; and **Michaela Sands '12, M.Ed. '13**, all left the U.S. to teach English. Thanks to them, Mary Washington was among *The Chronicle's* 2013-14 list of top producers of U.S. Fulbright scholars.

Elliott is in Turkey, Hawes in Nepal, and Sands in Thailand.

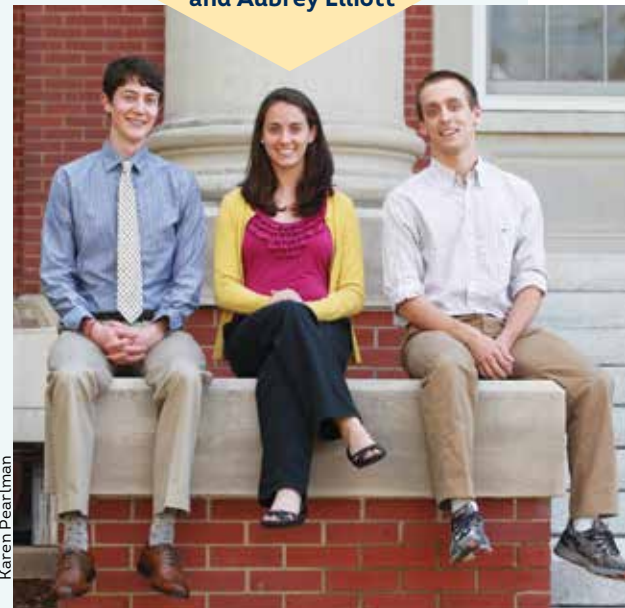
The Chronicle included Mary Washington among the top producers in schools with master's programs. UMW was one of only two

four-year public Virginia institutions to make the list in any category, with the College of William & Mary included among research institutions.

"These awards confirm that UMW continues to excel at preparing students for the new global realities of the 21st century," UMW Provost Jonathan Levin said of the news.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. The prestigious awards provide fellowships for students to study abroad for one academic year.

Peter Hawes, left, Michaela Sands, and Aubrey Elliott



Karen Pearlman

Homes for the Holidays

The University of Mary Washington community raised about \$5,500 last fall to help provide permanent housing for Fredericksburg-area homeless families. UMW's efforts, spearheaded by Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Leslie Martin, were part of a statewide initiative to get 740 Virginia families housed in 100 days.

Martin asked UMW faculty, staff,

and students to donate to the "Home for the Holidays" campaign of the Central Virginia Housing Coalition (CVHC), which coordinated the Fredericksburg region's initiative. With the funds it collected from groups like UMW, CVHC placed 58 Fredericksburg-area families in permanent housing in time for the holidays.

For each \$3,500 raised, CVHC covers a first month's rent, a security deposit, and utility deposits for one area family. Agencies that work with the homeless, including the Thurman Brisben Center and Hope House, provide services aimed at keeping families in the homes. The money donated by the UMW community helped one family.

UMW faculty and staff raised about

\$4,500. Students raised \$400 more through solicitation in residence halls and at the annual Thanksgiving dinner in Seacobeck Hall. President Richard V. Hurley added to what students raised to bring their total contribution to \$1,000.

"I am constantly struck by how giving and concerned all of the members of our UMW community are," said Martin, who researches the rhetoric of homeless service providers and serves on affordable housing and homelessness task forces.

When sociology major **Kimmy Slater '14** heard about Home for the Holidays, she thought of the residents she's met at the Thurman Brisben Center, where she has volunteered for the past two years. With the help of fellow students, Slater decided to ask others on campus to donate to the campaign.

"Homelessness has been near and dear to my heart since [I took Martin's] freshman seminar on homelessness and housing," Slater said.



Leslie Martin



Teaching What She Learns

As a first-grader, **Lauren Puglia** lined up stuffed animals in front of a toy easel in a pretend classroom in her basement. Today, the multiple-disabilities teacher is living her childhood fantasy of teaching, while pursuing a master's degree in education at UMW.

A wooden easel with a white dry erase board sits at the front of Puglia's Mountain View High School classroom in Stafford County, Va. Colorful pictures, ABCs, and crafts adorn the room where she works with four teenagers. She is equipped to teach students with a variety of disabilities - autism, Angelman syndrome, Down syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and more.

"My goal is for my students to be as independent as possible when they leave Mountain View," Puglia said. "I want to give them the social skills that they need to be productive members of society and make them feel like they are part of a community."

When Puglia took the teaching position two years ago, she started the Buddy Club to match students from the multiple-disabilities classroom with general education students. The invited high school visitors come every day to work on socializing, and the students have formed friendships beyond the classroom.

Puglia, with the help of two paraprofessionals, keeps to a carefully planned teaching schedule. The day begins with morning news, then alphabet activities. There is music, dancing, and free play before gym class and lunch. Each activity has an educational goal, but Puglia makes time for breaks so students don't get overwhelmed.

Night classes at UMW inspire the



Norm Shafer

Every activity Lauren Puglia plans for her students has an educational goal.



24-year-old's lesson plans. Nicole Myers, associate professor in the College of Education and an expert in special education, teaches lessons students like Puglia can use in the classroom - student social skills, how to set up a classroom, data collection and reflection, community-based instruction, and parent collaboration. Puglia is engaged in class, the professor said, sharing real-life successes and struggles from her day.

"You can tell when you are lecturing that she is already thinking about how to apply the knowledge to her classroom," Myers said.

Puglia can see the potential for success in all of her students, Myers said. And the small, slow steps forward in special education don't discourage her.

Puglia's talents are being recognized. She was voted First Class New Teacher of the Year by Stafford County Public Schools in 2013. And Myers has asked her to serve as a mentor teacher for promising UMW students.

"She is engaging, tireless, and supportive of her students. She is able to adjust to things on the fly and doesn't let a student having a bad day get her down," Myers said. "She actually seems to get motivated to step up to the challenge."

After getting a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Puglia moved to Stafford County to be its only multiple-disabilities high school teacher. She hopes to finish her master's this year, pursue a doctorate, and eventually, become a college professor.

But for now, she's enjoying her students. "They just make you feel better every day," Puglia said. "The little accomplishments are huge."

- Melina Downs '06



Great Lives at UMW

The 2014 Chappell Great Lives Series continues with lectures covering a wide range of figures, from Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald to Spartacus. The final program on April 22 features Reeve Lindbergh, daughter of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, who will discuss her parents, based on her family memoir, *Under a Wing*.

- March 27 **Titans of the Gilded Age: Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan** by historian and biographer H.W. Brands of University of Texas, Austin
- April 1 **Henry VIII** by British historian Jeremy Black of University of Exeter
- April 8 **Shakespeare** by Lois Potter: *The Life of William Shakespeare: A Critical Biography*
- April 10 **Spartacus** by Barry Strauss of Cornell University: *The Spartacus War*
- April 15 **Machiavelli** by Miles Unger: *Machiavelli: A Biography*
- April 17 **Simon Bolivar** by Marie Arana: *Bolivar: American Liberator*
- April 22 **Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh** by Reeve Lindbergh, daughter of Charles and Anne Lindbergh: *Under a Wing: A Memoir*

All lectures are open to the public free of charge and begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall. For information, call 540/654-1065 or visit umw.edu/greatlives.



Coming to Klein Theatre April 10-19

LYSISTRATA: In this play by Aristophanes, the women of Athens and Sparta withhold amorous privileges from their warrior men to force them to negotiate peace. First performed in 411 BCE, the ribald *Lysistrata* illustrates the timeless battle of the sexes.

For information and tickets, call 540/654-1111 or go to umw.tix.com.

UMW Names Nursing Program Director

Longtime nurse Pamela McCullough will lead UMW's new bachelor of science in nursing completion program.

Designed for registered nurses who have completed an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program, the courses will begin this fall. As director, McCullough hopes the curriculum will help students think creatively and excel in their careers.

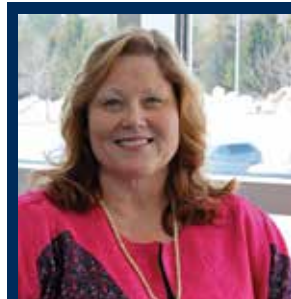
Course work will include advanced writing techniques, the sociology of health and medicine, and medical ethics. The program should be a good fit for working nurses, with plenty of flexibility.

Briefly a theater major, McCullough earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a post-master's certificate from the Catholic University of America. She earned a Ph.D. in nursing practice from Old Dominion University, completing a doctoral capstone project in 2011 at UMW's Student Health Center.

A Fredericksburg-area resident since 1998, McCullough served more than two years as nursing program director at Stratford University in Woodbridge. Before that, she spent a decade as a certified nurse practitioner at Pratt Pediatrics in Fredericksburg.

Recent studies show improved patient outcomes when at least 80 percent of nurses hold bachelor's degrees, McCullough said.

"Continuing your education to the bachelor level makes you able to see a more global picture of health care."



Pamela McCullough



National Register Rap Goes Viral

Instead of fearing the National Register of Historic Places, Americans should embrace it.

That's the message of a rap song and video created last semester by a group of historic preservation students as a class project for Assistant Professor Andréa Livi Smith, director of the Center for Historic Preservation.

The students posted their 5-minute video on YouTube in December, and it's gone viral in preservation circles, with more than 8,000 views. The video caught the attention of *The Huffington Post*, which published an interview with the creators.

Seniors **Sam Crystal**, **Katie DeCecco**, **Nate Dawes**, and **Carol Vinatieri** – the Grumpy Group – wrote, performed, and recorded the *National Register*

Rap using Fredericksburg-area historic sites as backdrops. Associate Professor Gary W. Stanton, the department chair, makes a cameo appearance.

The funny rap explains why we need the National Register – to protect buildings and other properties of exceptional historic value – but pokes gentle fun at the time-consuming, detail-intensive process of getting a property listed.

"The video was meant to really be an explanation of the National Register for the average Joe," the students told *The Huffington Post*. "We understand that the NR can appear to be a daunting undertaking, and we wanted to produce something that simplified understanding the process."

To see the video on YouTube.com, search "national register rap."

Yo, it's called the NR of Historic Places
It looks at sites – it puts 'em through their paces
It analyzes styles, use, and history
But to many it can simply be a mystery
Established in 1966
The NR is a giant bag of magic tricks
It's a form to help decide the fate
Of historic places you shouldn't underrate ...

[From left] Sam Crystal, Katie DeCecco, Carol Vinatieri, Nate Dawes



Katie DeCecco

On the Web

Head to umw.edu to learn more about what's happening at the University of Mary Washington. While you're online:

- Look for up-to-date information about activities on campus and in the UMW community at umw.edu/news.
- Plan some fun at UMW exhibits, workshops, celebrations, and more at umw.edu/events.
- Join the conversation. Find UMW on Facebook (University of Mary Washington; University of Mary Washington Alumni), on Twitter (@UMaryWash), on Instagram (@uofmarywashington), and on LinkedIn (University of Mary Washington).
- Find out about the alumni community at alumni.umw.edu.
- Get some Eagle spirit. Everything athletic is at umweagles.com.



Norm Shafer

“Coach Applebury instills in us the importance of giving back.”
« Sam Partonen

Teamwork Pays

Women's basketball captain **Samantha “Sam” Partonen '14** has wins on the court and in the classroom, but her real joy is being a part of the UMW Eagles women's basketball squad.

“Our team is the most positive, hard-working team I know, and that's the only reason I am able to experience any kind of individual success,” said Partonen, an honor student.

Coach Deena Applebury said the senior guard gives as much as she gets. Partonen earned first- and second-team status on the All-Capital Athletic Conference women's basketball team, and she joined her Eagles teammates among the Elite 8 in the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III women's basketball tournament.

Partonen led the Eagles with 102 assists and averaged 12 points per game

last season. She led the season in points per game with an average of 11.3, helping her team end with an 18-8 record.

A native of Burke, Va., and valedictorian of her Robinson High School class, Partonen studies English and plans to pursue a master's in secondary education at UMW next year. She was one of four Capital Athletic Conference student athletes nominated to the Allstate Good Works Team, which recognizes a select group of college basketball student-athletes who have made significant contributions in their communities through volunteering.

“Through her leadership and mentoring abilities, along with her ability to take over a game and control the tempo for us, Sam helps mold our team together,” Applebury said.

Applebury looks for opportunities

for the team to work together off the court, too, in part through community service.

Last fall, Eagles women's basketball players volunteered at the Rappahannock Riverfest benefit, and they volunteered in areas near campus at UMW's Good Neighbor Day. They served food and washed dishes at a Richmond NASCAR race as a way to build team spirit and unity.

“Coach Applebury instills in us the importance of giving back,” Partonen said.

As a UMW freshman, Partonen started as point guard. The support from her coach and teammates helped her be confident in the role. “Coach Applebury has a way of believing in you even in the moments when you don't believe in yourself,” Partonen said.

The team chemistry that existed for Partonen as a freshman is in full swing today and is one of the program's essential components.

“Whether we are in study hall helping to tutor the younger girls, at Seaco having breakfast as a team, or on the court rotating on defense, we always have each other's backs,” she said.

Partonen has another team behind her, too - her parents, Laurie and Mark Partonen, whom she calls the two most important people in her life, and her older brother, Jake, who inspired her to take up basketball in kindergarten.

Partonen chose UMW because of its strong basketball program. The team, she said, helped her learn who she is and to be confident.

But at UMW, the athlete found more than a sport.

“I'm fortunate in the fact that I have had an unforgettable time playing basketball here, and that I've also gotten a really, really good education,” she said.

— Regina Weiss '14

UMW Honors 2014 Hall of Famers

The University of Mary Washington inducted three alumni, one former coach, and an entire team into its athletic hall of fame in February.

The honors went to the 1993 field hockey team, which advanced to the national championship game; All-America high jumper **Bobby Bergin '03**; All-America tennis star **Conor Smith '03**; basketball standout **Dan Dupras '03**; and former head baseball coach Tom Sheridan.

The 1993 field hockey team finished 22-2 and advanced to the NCAA Division III national championship game. The team rattled off 51 goals in 24 games and limited opponents to just seven goals all season - still one of the best defensive seasons in Division III history. Aside from UMW's two NCAA championship women's tennis teams, the 1993 field hockey team was, at press time, the lone Mary Washington athletic program to advance to a team national championship game.

Bergin competed in eight NCAA track and field championships in his four-year career, gaining All-America honors four times. He finished second at both the 2002 and 2003 indoor championships. His leap of 7 feet, 1.75 inches at the 2003 indoor championships tied him for the fifth-best jump in NCAA Division III history.

Smith became the first UMW men's tennis player to be recognized on the national level as the program evolved into a national power. A three-time Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year and two-time singles All-American, he also garnered individual awards such as ITA Player to Watch and ITA Senior Player of the Year in the region. Along the way, he helped



Susan Spencer



Top: The 1993 UMW field hockey team surrounds Darrell Green, special assistant to student athletes, who holds a photo of a team member who was unable to attend the February awards banquet.

Bottom, from left: Conor Smith, Tom Sheridan, Dan Dupras, and Bobby Bergin

the team to four NCAA tournament berths, finishing in the top 15 nationally three times.

Dupras ranks as the fourth-leading scorer and sixth-leading rebounder in UMW basketball history, and he gained All-Capital Athletic Conference honors three times. As captain of the 2002-03 team, Dupras led the Eagles to their best record ever at 24-5, defeating Division I VMI, winning the

CAC championship, and advancing to the NCAA tournament.

Sheridan, now associate coach at George Washington University, started the UMW baseball program in 1987 and won 579 games in his 25 years here. His UMW teams advanced to 11 NCAA tournaments and won 10 conference titles. The nine-time CAC Coach of the Year had 15 seasons in which his teams won at least 25 games.



Timothy O'Donnell

By Lisa Chinn '92

When Timothy O'Donnell came to Mary Washington in 1999, a year after James Farmer retired from teaching here, he knew little about the civil rights leader.

But soon, the young professor of communication was learning about the architect of the 1961 Freedom Rides.

"It really was the serendipitous moment of somebody saying, 'You should do some research,' " O'Donnell said of the start of his interest in Farmer, who taught history and American studies in Monroe Hall for more than a decade.

Back then O'Donnell was director of UMW debate. He went on to shape his career around Farmer, who at just 14 had joined the Wiley College debate team. Since then O'Donnell has tackled major academic projects, like rebuilding the debate program and leading UMW's recent reaccreditation process. But he's never stopped teaching himself – and his students – about James Farmer.

O'Donnell grew up in Pittsburgh dreaming of becoming a Steeler. He was a starter on his middle school football team, but eventually he found his true passion off the field. "I really enjoyed taking charge of things, and debate was an outlet for that," O'Donnell said.

He chose his high school for its debate team, then earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in communication from Wake Forest University. His Ph.D. in communication is from the University of Pittsburgh.

While at Mary Washington, O'Donnell has worked to revive debate at historically black colleges; served on dozens of committees; and earned a reputation for being stingy with A's.

"Students understand that my classes are going to be demanding," O'Donnell said.

He lives in Stafford County with his wife, Leah Cox, UMW special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion, and his 16-year-old stepson, Omar.

Though O'Donnell and Farmer never met, they're linked by a love of skillful debate, mirrored in UMW's curriculum. Like a liberal arts education, O'Donnell said, the craft of argumentation requires broad knowledge and the ability to communicate well and solve problems. "That's what we need in this world," he said, "people who can make good decisions."

What motivates you? Competition, opportunity, fear – fear of falling behind, of not maximizing potential, of failure. I get frustrated about unrealized potential and squandered chances.

What inspires you? Great leaders, great coaches, great teachers.

What do you enjoy doing? Working; watching Omar play baseball.



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What are you passionate about? My family.

What keeps you awake at night? The competition, whatever that may be. When you're coaching debate, you're constantly worried about what other teams are doing. When you're working on accreditation, you're worried about what other institutions are doing.

What would people be surprised to learn about you? That I have a full set of catcher's gear. I have to. It was getting increasingly difficult to catch for Omar as his fastball gained velocity.

What are you reading right now? *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore.

How do you use debate in your private life? There are very few decisions that I make that I haven't thoroughly researched. I'm the planner.

The producers of *The Great Debaters* – a film starring Denzel Washington as Melvin Tolson, James Farmer's debate coach at Wiley College – asked you for help with the film. Were you flattered? It would have only been flattering if Denzel had picked up the phone and said, "Talk to me about how you teach debate."

If you could talk to James Farmer, what would you ask him? I'd want to talk to him about his undergraduate debate experiences, his memories of Melvin Tolson, and, of course, his debates with Malcolm X. There's no doubt debate is a high-impact educational practice, and I'd like to hear how he thought his debate education was instrumental to his work as a civil rights leader.

How would you describe yourself? I wouldn't. I hate doing that.

What's one thing you would never do but you probably should? Make small talk at a cocktail party.

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EQUAL RIGHTS VISIONARY TOOK UNPOPULAR STAND

By Mary Carter Bishop '67



Just about every college student finds one person who shines through the crowd and influences classmates for the good. For me, that person was Nan Grogan.

When I was a freshman in 1963, she was the super-serious junior who was pushing the rest of us to join the civil rights movement. At her urging, I tutored poor black Fredericksburg children in a YWCA after-school program.

I didn't really know Nan back then, but I never forgot her. A few years ago I Googled her name and learned that since my first memories of her more than 50 years ago she has never stopped being an activist.


Nan Grogan Orrock '65 is among the South's most veteran and well-respected advocates of social change. She is one of the longest-serving and most progressive members of the Georgia legislature and has left her mark on every sector of social justice: civil rights, women's rights, worker rights, gay rights, environmental rights.

She's chased after cross-burning Ku Klux Klansmen, cut sugar cane in Cuba, started an alternative newspaper, organized unions, led strikes, been arrested a bunch of times, and still stands on picket lines. At 70, she's far from done.

I had to finally get to know her. The week before Christmas, I flew to Atlanta and sat down with her at the State Capitol.

It's a chilly day and the Capitol is nearly deserted. Long coat flying, Nan swoops into her office from one of many Christmas gatherings and apologizes for being late.

She laughs heartily at my memory of her seriousness in '63. She says she felt like a pariah, and I can understand. When girls like me were polishing our Pappagallo flats for the next U.Va. fraternity weekend, Nan was registering



Georgia Sen. Nan Grogan Orrock, here at the Lincoln Memorial, was a Mary Washington junior when she attended the March on Washington. What she learned there compelled her to devote her life to working for equal rights.

Norm Shafer



WHEN GIRLS LIKE ME WERE POLISHING OUR PAPPAGALLO FLATS FOR THE NEXT U.V.A. FRATERNITY WEEKEND, NAN WAS REGISTERING BLACK VOTERS IN GEORGIA AND WORKING ALONGSIDE JULIAN BOND AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

black voters in Georgia and working alongside young civil rights leaders Julian Bond and Stokely Carmichael.

She's not the least bit self-righteous about what she's done, and she doesn't regret a thing. She was relieved to learn at a reunion years ago that her classmates didn't dislike her. Instead, they hailed her for being "on the right side of history."

Some told her that when their kids asked what they'd done for civil rights back then, they answered: "Well, I knew Nan Grogan, and she was doing a lot."

This is the story of the woman who gave me my first signal that it was not merely OK to stand up for human decency. It was imperative.

Nancy Margaret Grogan was born in Abingdon, Va., in November 1943. Her dad, Harold Grogan, the first in his South Georgia sharecropping family to go to college, was a forest ranger. Her mom, Helen, met Harold when she was secretary at a hydroelectric dam being built in her



home state of Tennessee.

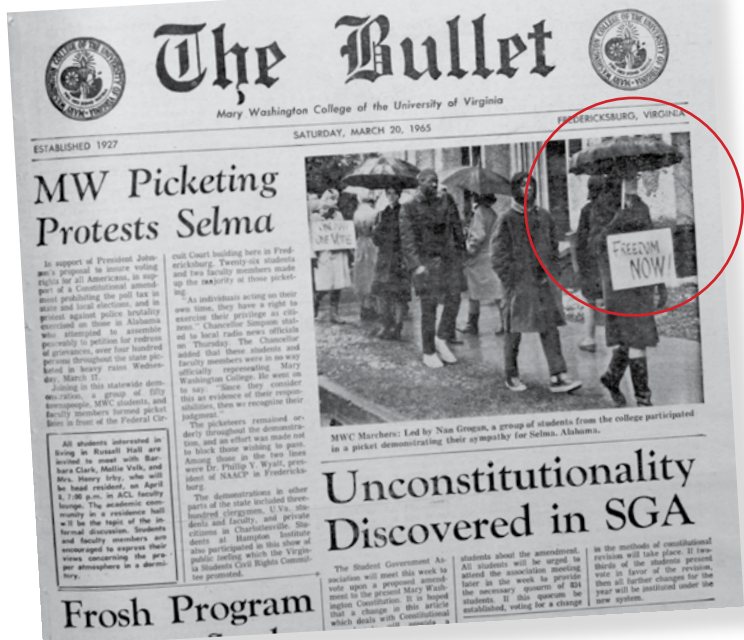
The family moved to Staunton, where Harold took a job running the Chamber of Commerce. Helen, with five children, was a pillar of the church, charities, and Democratic politics.

Nan was captain of Robert E. Lee High's cheerleading squad and quarterback on the girls' powder puff football team. She was assertive enough that a teacher nicknamed her "Susan B." for 19th-century feminist Susan B. Anthony. Nan learned American Sign Language to sign at church for kids from the nearby Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. She briefly dated a deaf boy, and she always took the side of the disadvantaged.

Nan knew few African Americans except for the occasional woman the family hired to clean or iron. The n-word was forbidden at the Grogan house. "Small town, upper South," she said of Staunton. "All-white churches, all-white schools. There was not a lot to give me cause for reflection."

Nan wanted to study English at the University of Virginia, but back then it admitted women only to its schools of nursing and education. So she went to Mary Washington, then officially Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.

She was a serious student, on a partial scholarship, and



From left: A *Battlefield* yearbook photo. *The Roanoke Times* on the KKK and civil rights workers in Southside. *The Bulletin* on a Fredericksburg march organized by Orrock in solidarity with activists in Selma, Ala.

women to Atlanta for a quick baptism in civil rights. They walked past a Sunday school room in the basement of Ebenezer Baptist Church to hear Dr. King leading a discussion on nonviolence. She registered voters in working-class black neighborhoods, met her first members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and decided to join its 1964 Freedom Summer.

Nan's classmate **Judy Sutherland '65**, a student leader and now a retired Presbyterian minister, said Nan was an inspiring, if lonely, figure. "When we piddled around with some of our concerns, she had better things to do with her time. She had what I call 'holy impatience,' way ahead of most of us."

Nan quietly lined up housing in Atlanta for Freedom Summer but was vague with her folks. Her dad, heading to a meeting in Georgia, insisted on driving her. Following directions to her boarding house, Harold Grogan realized they were drawing deeper into a black neighborhood. When they met the African American landlady, she directed Nan to the office. "What office?" Harold asked.

They climbed steps to a ragtag SNCC office over a dry cleaners shop and saw the posters of black power fists in the air. Later Nan's father told her: "I don't understand what you're doing. I've worked all my life to get out of poverty and you're running back to it." He drove off, pulled over to a pay phone, and called Nan's mother in tears.

By day Nan typed at a Veterans Administration hospital and at night pulled phone duty at SNCC. Activists called in all night long with reports of cross-burnings, beatings, and killings. Nan was there when young civil rights workers James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael "Mickey" Schwerner went missing during a Mississippi voter registration drive. Their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam. KKK members were later convicted in the killings.

She met SNCC chair and current Atlanta congressman John Lewis, as well as Julian Bond, Robert Moses, and other civil rights icons. Bond, former national chair of the

worked in the psychology department to defray tuition. After freshman year, she won a scholarship to an institute at Chautauqua, N.Y., where she spent the summer immersed in literature, theater, and culture.

Everything changed in the summer of 1963. She landed a summer job with NASA in Washington, D.C., and lived with her aunt. She worked alongside African Americans for the first time and met her first white liberal, her boss. She didn't tell her Aunt Margie when she left for work the morning of Aug. 28, 1963, but she and her co-workers planned to go to the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. That Wednesday, in front of the Lincoln Memorial, they were joined by a quarter-million people.

Addresses that day like Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech moved her. But what transformed her were conversations with other marchers, particularly those from Danville, Va. Eleven weeks earlier, a mob of white lawmen had savagely attacked black civil rights demonstrators. Nan heard about conditions there, where black people were restricted to menial jobs, their neighborhoods denied basic services, and their pleas for fairness answered with whacks of billy clubs. She saw the marks still on their bodies and asked herself, how did I not know about this? "I'm mis-educated," she remembered thinking. "I don't know the truth about this country."

On the sidelines of the march, Nan recognized Mary Washington rising senior **Susie Self-Phillips '64**, who urged Nan to join the YWCA's race relations committee.

Over spring break in 1964, when others of us were sunbathing, Nan and the YWCA drove Virginia college

NAACP, remembered Nan as “unafraid to take the bull by its horns, and fearless when principles were at issue.”

That August, Nan, who’d quit the VA job, filled in at SNCC’s office in Greenwood, Miss. She hid in the back seat when black colleagues drove, because whites were incensed to see whites and blacks together. Her first arrest came when, borrowing a car for a cigarette run, she made a U-turn in front of the office. Police, watching for the slightest infraction, hauled her to jail.

The last thing Nan wanted to do after that summer was return to Mary Washington. She told her folks she was staying in Atlanta. Helen Grogan dispatched a friend and one of Nan’s brothers to bring her home.

Senior year, Nan was as much activist as academic. She was living in Trench Hill, the honors dorm, which she describes as “a little hotbed” of intellectual foment. She admired Myra Irby, the history instructor who was their house mother.

Nan helped start the Virginia Student Civil Rights Committee, a band of activists from several Virginia colleges, white and black. Over Christmas, they drove clothing and supplies to southern Mississippi. In the small

city of Laurel, the racially integrated group sought service at a segregated restaurant and was arrested. Nan spent Christmas in jail, singing freedom songs with her friends. SNCC bailed her out when, she said, her father “sorrowfully but firmly” declined.

Nan was in college to become an English teacher, and she had arranged to student-teach at a black high school in central Virginia. Mary Washington Chancellor Grellet Simpson nixed that. “He said, ‘No, absolutely not. I won’t allow it,’” Nan recalled. “I told him, ‘Well, if that’s the case, I won’t be getting my teaching certificate – because I won’t teach at a white segregated school.’”

Senior year, she planned a civil rights project in Virginia’s Black Belt, six Southside counties with high populations of poor blacks, low black voting rolls, and histories of plantation slavery and extreme prejudice. She organized a downtown Fredericksburg protest in sympathy with the March 1965 “Bloody Sunday” in Selma, Ala., when police beat and tear-gassed voting rights marchers. She helped put on the Virginia Student Civil Rights Committee’s conference at Hampton Institute, raised money for her projects, and recruited students for the summer in Southside.



Fredericksburg civil rights and community leader Marguerite Young chats with Orrock after the dedication of the James Farmer Lecture Hall in November. Orrock wears the UMW Monroe medal given to her for lasting service to humanity.



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Looking back, she has no idea how she kept up her grades, much less earned Mortar Board honors. "Lord," Nan said, "How *did* I ever graduate?"

Her degree complete, she plunged ever deeper into the movement in Southside. Paying herself \$6 a week in donations from Northern foundations, barely enough to cover Cokes, nabs, and cigarettes, she spent her first 18 months out of college leading anti-racism projects in hostile territory. She set up a Freedom House at an old dwelling in Victoria, Va., in Lunenburg County, where blacks and whites huddled around a coal stove to do voting rights work. One day, the house was sprayed by shotgun fire as a male activist stood in the doorway. He wasn't injured, but lead pellets parted his hair.

Another day, Nan crested a hill in her donated VW Beetle to see Klan members burning a cross at the rental house where she was staying in the little town of Blackstone, in Nottoway County, Va. In a move she admits was foolhardy – "I would operate out of this sense of outrage" – she chased the Klansmen's big car across town. What she would have done if she'd caught up with them, she doesn't know – to start that old VW, she had to get out and push it.

North Carolina Klansmen came from over the nearby state line and held massive rallies in Victoria against the activists. Because town leaders condoned this, Nan and her committee boycotted businesses and organized car pools to take black shoppers elsewhere.

Helen Grogan begged her to come home from Southside; Nan refused. Years later, her mother wrote to say how proud she was of her daughter, and how early on Nan had recognized deeper truths than her mother could see.

After the Black Belt project ended, Nan helped SNCC and the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) set up activist networks across the South. In 1967, she

married young Gene Guerrero, an SSOC member. They landed in North Carolina, where they connected student activists with textile workers seeking better pay and working conditions.

Nan's attention turned to white working people. She discovered that some textile workers belonged to the Klan, and she began to realize they were not just a "howling mob" of haters and cross-burners but people with their own sagas of exploitation. Nan and Gene helped members of the Textile Workers Union of America organize at a North Carolina sock factory and supported them during a strike.

The couple moved to Atlanta and with friends founded *The Great Speckled Bird*, which became one of the longest-running alternative papers of its time. *The Bird* featured uncensored pieces about politics and culture. Women's voices in particular grew strong there. Back at SNCC, Nan and other women had commiserated that men ruled the civil rights movement, and it had stuck in Nan's craw ever since. Women's stories of gender discrimination in *The Bird* led to the founding of the Atlanta Women's Movement.

In 1970, Nan spent six weeks in Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade, young people from all over who demonstrated solidarity with Cubans suffering from the U.S. embargo. Nan was finally able to use the Spanish she'd studied under Professor Louis Cabrera at Mary Washington. She cut sugar cane in the fields and met communists and members of the radical American group the Weather Underground. On her return, at age 26, her marriage crumbled.

In 1971, she decided to join the working class at a National Biscuit Company, or Nabisco, plant in Atlanta. After years of low wages, she was earning decent pay at one of the few union shops in the city. She was there for 17 years.

Packing cookies and crackers all day or night, she'd go to the cafeteria to find workers sitting apart by race. As

shop steward with the Bakery, Confectionery, and Tobacco Union, she shook things up by sitting with black friends and helping lead a strike when a white supervisor known for racism fired a popular black worker.

In the early 1970s, Nan married Charlie Orrock, a Spotsylvania County native and former Green Beret who went to work for human rights and labor organizations. He moved to Atlanta to be with Nan and work in a steel mill. Their son Danny was born in 1977, and son Jesse in 1983.

Nan and Charlie spent years advocating for union groups and working families in Atlanta. In 1984, with baby Jesse on her hip, Nan led a two-year protest against construction of a cargo facility in a historic residential area of central Atlanta. Though she lost that fight, Atlanta Democrats urged her to run for the Georgia House of Representatives. Divorced again by then, she was sworn into office in 1987.

Her experiences as a factory worker and single mom – troubles with child care, unemployment insurance, medical care, and workers' comp – furnished an instant legislative agenda. She saw that Republican and Democratic women favored such family-friendly bills, so she founded the bipartisan Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus. It's pushed

through a long list of laws, as has the Georgia Working Families Caucus she also founded.

Nan helped remove Confederate symbols from the state flag and led passage of the Georgia Family Medical Leave Act for state employees, one of the strongest in the South. She championed the Georgia Hate Crimes Act, the state's omnibus AIDS statute, and an exhaustive roster of progressive legislation ranging from lead paint removal to insurance coverage of testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

"Thousands of Georgians take off work for medical or family leave knowing that they will have a job when they get back because of Nan's work," said former aide Rebecca Dameron. "She's worked so hard for fairness and people's rights. Few people even know to connect her with all the rights she's won for them."

Nan moved from the House to the Senate in 2006. Her district covers the neighborhoods she first walked as a Mary Washington student during that 1964 spring break voter drive. Sixty percent African American and heavily Democratic, the 36th District is Atlanta's most diverse – public housing, mansions, artists, gays, old people – a rich blend that some call "urban bohemians." Nan lives in the same Ormewood Park house she's had for almost four decades.



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At age 70, Orrock has not stopped standing up for what she believes is right. Here she and colleagues ring the floor of the Georgia Senate Chamber in 2012 holding yellow caution tape to protest a bill they believe to be harmful to women.

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Nan’s life in Atlanta is one of constant motion. She’s on a slew of nonprofit boards and committees and has hundreds of friends. She loves to sing, and every week she gets together with friends to harmonize on everything from Broadway hits to old freedom songs she once sang during civil rights arrests. She still goes out on picket lines before dawn – most recently with Atlanta fast food workers seeking higher wages.

Now, with 27 years at the Capitol, she has the third highest seniority. She was the first woman in Georgia history to serve as House majority whip and is the rare white member of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus. Her full-time office job – in addition to her part-time work as senator – is bringing more women into elective office across the United States. She’s president of the Women Legislators’ Lobby, a national nonpartisan network that trains and supports candidates.

Over the years, she’s headed many nonprofits and foundations, including the Fund for Southern Communities, which supports social and environmental projects in Georgia and the Carolinas, and the Center for Policy Alternatives, pushing for progressive state legislation across the country.

Last November, Nan returned to UMW by special invitation to speak at the dedication of the James Farmer Lecture Hall, so named for the late UMW professor of history and civil rights leader. (*Learn more about the dedication on page 3.*) In the 1960s, Nan had known Farmer, the architect of the 1961 Freedom Rides and co-founder of the Congress of Racial Equality.

That weekend, the university surprised Nan with the Monroe medal for lasting service to humanity. When we talked later, she ticked off ways UMW has been promoting human rights: the digitizing of Farmer’s lectures, the Farmer Fellows study of immigration and other human rights issues, the new faculty position in multiculturalism, and the award-winning 2011 exhibits and programs on the

Freedom Rides’ 50th anniversary. “I am truly impressed by their commitment to exposing students to these great lessons of our history.”

Nan’s classmates, too, have surprised her. At a reunion years ago, she learned that some had gone into the Peace Corps and VISTA, and others to medical school so they could work in clinics in poor neighborhoods. “A lot of idealism and a lot of community service,” she said, “which sort of defied my earlier idea that we weren’t serious enough.”

Faculty members recognized Nan’s talents and potential. She has particularly fond memories of Professor of Geology Samuel O. Bird and the late Professor of Philosophy George Van Sant. “I’m very glad,” she said, “that the college I chose and that chose me was very affirming of women.”

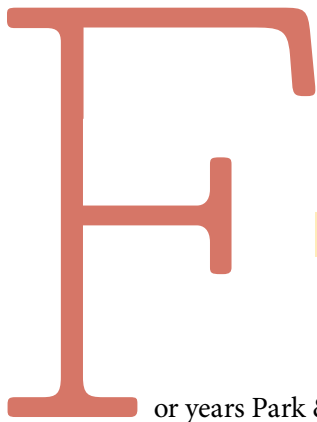
And I’m glad Nan was on campus in the 1960s. She was in the back of my mind when I became a newspaper reporter and wrote about migrant farmworkers, textile workers, the history of African Americans, and so many other people. Thank you, Nan, for showing us what courage looks like.

Details of this story were pieced together from my three-hour talk with Nan, our email exchanges, others’ interviews with her, searches through Mary Washington Battlefield yearbooks and archives, and lengthy oral histories, particularly a series recorded over several years for the Activist Women Oral History Project at Georgia State University in Atlanta.



Mary Carter Bishop ’67, of Roanoke, retired after 35 years as a newspaper reporter. A graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, she was a member of a Philadelphia

Inquirer team that won a 1980 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of nuclear leaks at Pennsylvania’s Three Mile Island power plant. In 1989, she was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for a series of Roanoke Times stories about poisonings and fraud by exterminators and other pesticide users.



For years Park & Shop was the closest place for Mary Washington students to shop. A sometimes-risky trek across U.S. 1 led them to the '60s-style strip mall that offered the necessities of college life.

Today, the UMW Foundation owns the property, and a pedestrian bridge makes crossing the highway a breeze. Now named Eagle Village, the area is being redeveloped into a mixed-use retail district with grocery and specialty stores, restaurants, student housing, office space, and a 93-room Hyatt Place hotel.

The UMW Foundation bought the 23-acre property in 2007 at the request of the Board of Visitors, said **Jeff Rountree '91**, foundation CEO. It was a rare chance to buy land next to campus, and it provided room to build premium student housing. Eagle Landing, a five-story apartment-style building, was constructed on the site that once housed a Roses discount store, and before that a Montgomery Ward.

Eagle Landing opened in 2010, with 156 apartments. Beside it is the Executive Offices at Eagle Village, which fronts a parking deck used by students and office tenants. The area is connected to the main campus by a covered glass-and-steel pedestrian bridge that spans U.S. 1.

The Eagle Village complex is halfway through its transformation. The newest addition, opened in mid-January, is the five-story Hyatt Place hotel built near the Giant grocery store where old shops were razed. Its design and brick exterior mirror those of Eagle Landing, the Executive Offices, and the pedestrian bridge.

Hotel manager Jim Fournier predicted that many of his guests will come to Fredericksburg for UMW events. Because the Hyatt fronts a new road that links Eagle Village to the Mary Washington Hospital campus, other guests may choose the hotel to be near medical facilities

and family members using them. And with event space for as many as 150 people, the Hyatt Place is likely to attract locals, too. "There's a tremendous social market with weddings, reunions, and alumni events we'll be able to tap into," Fournier said. "We have the perfect location to serve all those different segments."

Rountree calls the Hyatt "the front door, the first impression for the many high school students and their families touring UMW." It also gives visiting academics, speakers, and athletes a place to stay, he said, and could serve as a learning lab for UMW business classes.

The Executive Offices at Eagle Village is situated between the Hyatt Place and Eagle Landing student housing. The building's ground floor houses restaurants, a coffee shop, a dry cleaner, and other retail businesses. Across the development, Planet Fitness health club opened in September in an 18,000-square-foot storefront that had been vacant for a decade.

Owners of new restaurants and businesses like Planet Fitness chose Eagle Village because they wanted to be close to UMW. The same is true for the next major development. This spring, the Children's Museum of Richmond expects to open its third satellite location there. The museum has leased about 12,000 square feet in existing storefronts at the south end of the shopping center.

"One of the things that really appealed to us is the possibility of working with UMW," said museum president and CEO Karen Coltrane. She's talked with the UMW College of Education about potential collaborations. "Anybody who is interested in art education would love to be with us; we'll have a world-class children's art studio," she said. "Anybody who wants to be a teacher – this will be an opportunity to find out if it's what you want to do."

The museum targeted Fredericksburg as its first location

Center

By Robert Burke

outside of the Richmond region. Coltrane expects more than 350 visitors daily, so she looked for ample parking, which Eagle Village provides. Plus, the development offers outdoor space for museum exhibits. “I think we found a win-win,” she said. “I think it worked out really well.”

Rountree sees “a natural fit” between UMW and the museum. “We view this as not just a leasing arrangement, but as a true partnership and where our students can be engaged as volunteers and mentors,” he said. “Like Planet Fitness, the children’s museum will attract large volumes of people to Eagle Village, so the museum will be welcomed with open arms by all of our existing businesses.” 🏠

Inside Hyatt Place

The new hotel offers:

- * A ground-floor lobby with lots of comfortable seating, and a café and bar
- * Rooms with queen- or king-size beds, a sofa bed, TV, and refrigerator
- * Four suites, one with a kitchenette and a private balcony
- * A courtyard with two elevated fire pits, a fountain, and a stage
- * A shuttle to destinations within 3 miles of Eagle Village, including campus, the hospital, and downtown Fredericksburg
- * A fitness center and an indoor saltwater pool
- * Pet accommodations in guest rooms



Norm Shafer

The pedestrian bridge from campus to Eagle Village





Farming didn't stop Emmett Snead when a professor wooed him to join one of Mary Washington's first men's basketball teams.

Norm Shafer



FARMER'S FIELD GOALS

COURTED TO PLAY HOOPS, '76 GRAD FILLED RECORD NUMBER OF BASKETS

EMMETT C. SNEAD III '76 became an agricultural success at a time when many other small farmers caved to debt and the pressures of giant agribusiness.

It would be easy to credit Snead's first bachelor's degree, a double major in economics and business, with giving him the foresight and flexibility to make his living from the land throughout the late 20th century and into the 21st.

But Snead also finds lasting value in his second bachelor's, the one in geography from Mary Washington. The one he didn't plan to get.

Born into a dairy farming family in Fredericksburg, young Emmett always knew he would be a farmer like his father. At 6, he helped out by washing udders. By 10, he was raising his own leghorn chickens and delivering eggs by bicycle.

He graduated from James Monroe High School; got a two-year degree from Louisburg College in North Carolina; and earned a bachelor's degree from Emory & Henry College in 1973. He moved back home to his parents' farm, where he helped his dad with twice-daily milkings, raised vegetables for sale, grew grain, and started a business spreading lime and fertilizer.

On sunny afternoons, he played pickup games at the city's Kenmore Avenue basketball courts. That's where he met Marshall Bowen, then an associate professor of geography at newly coed Mary Washington.

Bowen ran a men's club basketball team of Mary Washington faculty, staff, and students. He thought the

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6-foot-6-inch farmer would be a good addition to the informal team, if Snead would take a class or two and be a student.

Snead remembers he didn't need much convincing.

Snead: "I'm good when there's no rules or referees."

Bowen: "Just come and have fun."

Club basketball was fun. But Mary Washington President Prince Woodard wanted to start a men's varsity basketball program for formal competition, with Bowen as coach.

Bowen wanted Snead on the team, but he didn't want any ugly fallout from playing a guy who'd already gotten a degree somewhere else. The coach recalls asking longtime administrator Ray Merchant what to do, and Merchant set rules based on NCAA regulations.

First, Snead had to have eligibility left. He did – he'd earlier played two semesters of college ball as a walk-on, but he was OK to play two more. Second, Snead had to take at least 12 credits per semester and maintain a 2.0 average.

Despite a farm schedule that got him up at 4 each morning, Snead made the commitment. But college and basketball couldn't always come first.

Bowen, now distinguished professor emeritus of geography, recalled one practice when Snead received an urgent

phone call at the Goolrick gym. He threw on a coat over his uniform and yelled, "Gotta go, Coach, the cows are out!"

That wasn't the coach's only problem. As a new team at a still mostly female college, the Mary Washington guys weren't promising. *The Free Lance-Star* predicted they wouldn't win a single game in their first year. As Bowen remembered it, "We had trouble finding opponents weak enough."

The players, who greatly enjoyed socializing off the court, weren't too concerned. "We said we might not win the games, but we'll win at the parties," Snead recalled.

But with Coach Bowen on the sidelines and screaming fans in the home stands, the team won five games, lost 11. Snead said most of the wins that first year were at home, and by just a few points. On the road, they generally got killed.

It was at one of those away losses, though, that Snead set a Mary Washington basketball record that's never been broken.

It was a rare 60-degree day in February, and Bowen remembers that Snead spent all that nice morning plowing. By the time the team piled into a few station wagons to head to Washington Bible College in Maryland, Snead, the starting center, was wiped out.

Still, that Saturday, Feb. 22, 1975, his shots kept falling.

BOWEN, NOW DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF GEOGRAPHY, RECALLED ONE PRACTICE WHEN SNEAD RECEIVED AN URGENT PHONE CALL AT THE GOOLRICK GYM. HE THREW ON A COAT OVER HIS UNIFORM AND YELLED, "GOTTA GO, COACH, THE COWS ARE OUT!"

The men's basketball team as pictured in the 1976 *Battlefield*. Coach Marshall Bowen stands at far left near Emmett Snead (51). At right, Keith Littlefield stands between Glenn Markwith (11) and Gary Danley (13).





Norm Shafer

Emmett and Ellen Snead, shown here on their Caroline County farm, are leaders in the Virginia “locavore” movement.

Snead made 18 field goals, a record matched in 1986 by **Brian “Buddy” Hawley ’87**, but still unsurpassed.

The next year, the team got some bigger, better players, and Snead didn’t play as many minutes per game. But with a deeper bench, the Mary Washington men went a respectable 8-8.

And Snead enjoyed some memorable classes, especially geography with Bowen and Samuel T. Emory, and geology with King Stablein. Snead kept playing ball, and he formed lasting friendships with teammates including **Allan Jenkins** and **Steve Jones ’75**; **Glenn Markwith** and **Gary Danley ’76**; and **Keith Littlefield ’79**. They and other friends from those Mary Washington years regularly gather for summertime crab-pickings at Snead’s farm.

Snead has used a lifetime’s education, formal and informal, to make smart decisions about farming.

His family switched from dairy to beef cattle in 1997, and his father, Emmett C. Snead Jr., died in 2002. Snead; his mother, **Jane Frazier Snead ’50**; and his brother, George, grow grain and vegetables, keep cattle, and encourage agritourism at the family’s Braehead Farm, the last farm remaining within Fredericksburg city limits. (Snead’s Mary Washington connections also include his maternal grandmother, Mary Gibson Frazier, who took summer courses in the 1950s to recertify as a teacher, and his paternal grandmother, **Mary Lula Smith Snead, Class of 1914**).

Meanwhile, Snead started Snead’s Farm in Caroline

County and built a business selling asparagus and other produce to restaurants and grocery stores. He supplemented that with pick-your-own crops and a prosperous roadside produce stand, still popular today. Wife Ellen, who retired six years ago as a spice company executive, has now taken a more active role in the farm, coordinating autumn visits for school groups to pick pumpkins, the most successful single crop.

That coincided with a surge of interest in community-supported agriculture (CSA), in which customers buy weekly shares of whatever locally grown produce is most plentiful. Snead was on it right away. “‘Locavore’ is what I was doing before the word was even coined,” he said.

Over the past seven years, the CSA has grown to the point that he no longer delivers to chain groceries. Customers come to him, picking up their fruit-and-vegetable variety bags each week. Sometimes they bring the kids to pet calves, chickens, and llamas, and fill their lungs with country air.

Snead’s long-ago geology classes helped him decide in recent years which parts of the farm to place in a conservation easement, in partnership with nearby Fort A.P. Hill and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. He and Ellen put 293 acres in the easement and reserved 86 acres for other uses.

One possibility is to use the land as home sites for their three daughters – Jessica, 25, who’s completing a doctorate in pharmacy, and college-student twins Savannah and Emmalyn, 20. All three daughters still come home summers to help with the business.

Snead’s vicarious interest in the rest of the world, nurtured by those geography courses, will soon translate to European travel as he and Ellen visit relatives living in France. They’ll return before CSA season heats up; meanwhile employees will take care of the farm.

Though Snead didn’t think he particularly needed his Mary Washington degree, he said he’s benefited from a liberal arts education.

“You learn things from one part of your life,” he said, “that will help you in another part.” 🏡



Aerospace Leader Climbs Sky-High

The first job for **Marion C. Blakey '70** – as a GS-3 federal clerk – might not have been glamorous. But it was a step on a path that would propel her to the top of her field.

In December, she received the 2013 Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy in recognition of her leadership in aviation.

"Tonight, I am reflecting for a moment about the blessings of an unexpected career," Blakey said in her acceptance speech in Washington, D.C.

President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association since 2007, Blakey has spent decades improving transportation safety, both on and off the ground. She's helped reduce death and injury from motor vehicle crashes, improve accident reporting processes, enhance outreach programs, and modernize air transportation. Her time at the helm of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the mid-2000s marked the safest period in U.S. public air travel history.

Blakey also has served as administrator of the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, chair of the National Transportation Safety Board, and principal of Blakey & Associates, a public affairs consulting firm focused on transportation issues and traffic safety.

"Over the course of my career, I've had the opportunity to move in and out of government – to the private sector and then back," Blakey said when she received the trophy, presented by the National Aeronautic Association in memory of Orville and Wilbur Wright. "Each time, my public service experience exposed me to new challenges and prepared me for the ones to come."

One of those challenges came in the wake of the second deadliest aviation crash in U.S. history. American Airlines flight 587 slammed into the Belle Harbor neighborhood of Queens, N.Y., in November 2001, killing all 260 on-board plus five on the ground. In her brand-new role as FAA administrator, and with tensions high in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, Blakey headed the investigation into the accidental crash.

She was the second woman and the second person without a pilot's license to run the world's largest air traffic control system, overseeing 44,000 employees and a \$14 billion budget.

After earning a bachelor's degree in international studies at Mary Washington, Blakey did graduate work in Middle East affairs at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies.



Ian Bradshaw

Marion C. Blakey received the 2013 Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy for leadership in aviation. She was head of the FAA in 2007, above, when she was featured in *UMW Magazine*.

She's held six presidential appointments; served in senior positions at such entities as the Department of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the White House; and sat on numerous boards and committees. The Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, one of the many honors and awards she's received throughout her career, combines her commitment to serving her country with her love of aviation.

"Where else," Blakey asked, "can people work on projects that extend the torch of exploration to heights unknown and into frontiers unseen?"

Leader Advocates for Creativity

When you think of Oklahoma, **Susan Shaw McCalmont '80** wants you to think of creativity.

For her tireless efforts to foster the creative process, McCalmont received the inaugural Sir Ken Robinson Award for Leadership in Creativity & Innovation. Robinson, an internationally recognized adviser on arts in education, presented McCalmont with the honor in November.

She's "the driving force behind ... the effort to truly make Oklahoma 'The State of Creativity,'" Robinson said of McCalmont, who worked to make Oklahoma North America's only internationally recognized District of Creativity, through the Flanders, Belgium-based Districts of Creativity Network.

McCalmont is president of Creative Oklahoma, a nonprofit she co-founded to encourage creativity and innovation in education, commerce, and culture. She provided leadership in establishing Oklahoma A+ Schools and the DaVinci Institute, which foster creativity in Oklahoma schools, and the National Creativity Network, a nonprofit linking 15 regions in the U.S. and Canada.

"We have to find ways to encourage minds to think creatively, to work collaboratively, and to generate ideas," McCalmont said during a 2011 Northeastern State University

Leadership and Change seminar. "We have many, many issues that need creative solutions in our world and in our communities."

Before taking the reins at Creative Oklahoma, McCalmont spent 19 years as executive director of the Kirkpatrick Foundation, which gives millions of dollars annually to fund arts, culture, education, and more.

An art history major at Mary Washington, McCalmont spent the 1980s lobbying for the American Business Conference, running the National Center for Historic Houses, and, for a short time, working as Fredericksburg's economic development director. She married and moved to Oklahoma in 1989.

McCalmont helped bring the Creativity World Forum, attended by more than 2,600 people, to the state in 2010, and established Oklahoma City's annual State of Creativity Forum, a national networking and education event that began in 2011.



**Susan Shaw
McCalmont**

Art Teacher Draws on Inclusion

The résumé of **Tanya Green, M.Ed. '06** is picking up as much color as her students' creations.

An art teacher at Hampton Oaks Elementary School in Stafford, Va., Green won a 2013 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, presented last May by *The Washington Post*.

"These educators were chosen by their school systems for going above and beyond their day-to-day duties to create exceptional educational environments," according to washingtonpost.com.

Green, who also was named Stafford County Public Schools' 2013 Teacher of the Year, is known for customizing curriculum around main-classroom themes and the needs of smaller groups of students. She participates in the Skillful Teacher cohort, which aims to strengthen respect for students' diverse cultural backgrounds.

An Encore staff team lead, Girl Smarts group facilitator, and Student Council Association adviser, Green has presented work to the National Art Education and Virginia Art Education associations.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Delaware before completing a master's degree at the University of Mary Washington.

Each Agnes Meyer Award winner, who must have taught

for at least five years, receives \$3,000. The awards honor the wife of Eugene Meyer, who purchased *The Washington Post* in 1933. *Washington Post* Publisher Katharine Weymouth said in a release that the awards are "a way for our community to spotlight local teachers who, through their work, exemplified Meyer's steadfast commitment to education."



Tanya Green, M.Ed.

Joe Jarski



Eric Robert Nolan '94

The Dogs Don't Bark In Brooklyn Any More

Dagda Publishing, November 2013

Rebecca is the daughter of a hero, a veteran soldier of the Wolf War. Now she is a captain in the Special Animal Warfare Service, fighting, as her father did, against the super intelligent wolves that have taken over most of the continental U.S. In this post-apocalyptic science fiction tale, the odds are stacked against the human race and favor its smart, fearless enemy.

Nolan, who studied psychology at Mary Washington, tells the story in a narrative that shifts between Rebecca's tumultuous life growing up in Brooklyn and her current struggle to keep herself and her allies alive. The first book of the Wolf War saga, it weaves human resentment and distrust with themes of friendship and loyalty.

Other Books by Faculty and Alumni

Suzanne G. Houff, professor of education

Managing the Classroom Environment: Meeting the Needs of the Student

R&L Education, October 2013

This work defines the five basic needs – survival, belonging, fun, freedom, and power – promoted by Dr. William Glasser's choice theory psychology and explains how they affect student behavior. Along with an overview of current literature concerning classroom management, the book provides strategies for teachers who, armed with this understanding, can focus less on problem behaviors and more on the needs underlying them.

Jeanne Choy Tate '66

Something Greater: Culture, Family, and Community as Living Story

Pickwick Publications, May 2013

This book explores the ways in which Americans balance an increasingly diverse ethnic and cultural society with a primal need for shared values. The author contrasts biblical and Chinese communities, where values pass from one generation to the next, with her personal experiences in San Francisco's Chinatown.

John Stuart Thornton III '95

Moon Coastal California

Avalon Travel Publishing, August 2013

Penned by a travel writer, this guidebook covers attractions, restaurants, and hotels on the California Coast from San Diego to Crescent City, from the redwoods of Big Sur to the Malibu beaches. The book offers trip ideas, insights on nightlife, and maps.

Give It Your Best Shot

You can almost smell the culinary goodness wafting from this photo taken in 1944, presumably in one of two large food laboratories built on the ground floor of Chandler Hall just six years before.

Mary Washington's home economics major would survive another two decades and several proposals for discontinuation. At an April 1964 meeting, the faculty finally voted, 77 to 60, with one abstention, to eliminate it. The Board of Visitors made it official the following June, and after 1968, Mary Washington ceased conferring the degree of bachelor of science in home economics.

We'd like to learn the names of these cheerful pie-baking students. If you can help us identify any of them, please go to magazine.umw.edu and click "Get the Picture" to leave a comment. Or send an email with "Get the Picture" in the subject line to ntrenis@umw.edu.

You may also write to:

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You Got It!

In the last issue, we asked for help identifying a young man strolling along Campus Walk in the snow.

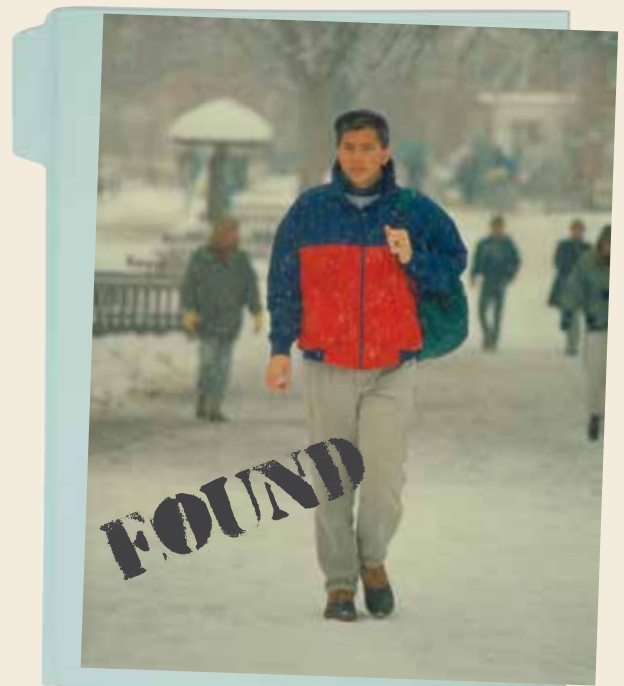
Maybe it was the wintry weather that caught the eye of **Nicole LaPorte Parker '91** of Grimsby, Canada. She'd been watching hockey on TV and reading *UMW Magazine* when she noticed a familiar face.

"Pretty sure his first name is Tim/Timothy," she wrote in an email. "Can't wait to read the next issue to see if I'm right!"

That very same December day, **Sharon Dean Peck '90** posted this comment to the magazine website: "Timothy McKissock? Maybe?"

So we pulled out the yearbooks and found him – **Timothy M. McKissock '90**. The political science major, who met wife of 20 years **Mary Hunter McKissock '89** at Mary Washington, is now an attorney in South Carolina. He was busy with clients at a Phoenix golf tournament when we tracked him down, but he confirmed that he is the preppy student in the photo and reflected on the "magical winter snowfalls" that brought students together, making memories to cherish.

Thanks, Nicole and Sharon – and Tim. Great teamwork!



ID: Timothy M. McKissock '90
Thanks to: Nicole LaPorte Parker '91 and Sharon Dean Peck '90



Mark Your Calendar!

GOLD Weekend



Norm Shafer

April 11-12: For Graduates of the Last Decade, GOLD Weekend débuts with an All-Class Party, tailgating, networking, and more – all in the midst of the Multicultural Fair. Visit alumni.umw.edu/goldweekend. (Pictured above are **Tierney McAfee '07**, left; **Rachel Nania Barns '07**; and **Suzanne Volinski Broadbent '07** at Homecoming 2013.)

Reunion Weekend 2014



Reza A. Marvashti

May 30-June 1: Ever wish you could do it all again? Come back to campus for Reunion Weekend 2014! Visit alumni.umw.edu/reunionweekend. (Pictured above, from left, are Class of 1988's **Jay Bradshaw**, **Michelle Martin**, **Kimberly Levenston Walker**, and **Anna Wilson Hudson** at Reunion Weekend 2013.)

Greetings, fellow alumni,

Stroll along Mary Washington's beautiful Campus Walk, and you will feel the vibrant atmosphere "where great minds get to work." I am excited by Mary Washington's great accomplishments and ambitious plans for the future.

President Hurley, a favorite among students, faculty, and the Fredericksburg community, retains a vision for Mary Washington that is both grand and attainable. With Provost Jonathan Levin, an exceptional academic leader, at his side, the Honors Program is growing, several residence halls boast living-learning communities, and applications are up.

The Campus Center, scheduled to open in fall 2015 between Ball Circle and College Avenue, will be like a campus living room, with gathering areas, meeting rooms, a ballroom, and a dining hall. Its academic complement, the Information and Technology Convergence Center, will open this fall with 77,000 square feet packed with 21st-century technology.

In addition to innovation and creativity in the academic arena, extracurricular activities abound. In athletics, Mary Washington took seven conference championships and six second-place finishes, resulting in the 2013 Richard C. Cook All-Sports Award.

Mary Washington's alumni are a significant part of its strength. We are a worldwide group of 38,000 people with strong liberal arts educations and dedicated professional, volunteer, and social involvement.

Reunion Weekend is a time to reconnect with fellow Mary Washington alumni. Traditionally, classes come back every five years, but alumni are welcome to return for Reunion Weekend any year. Activities range from Alumni College classes to an All-Class Party. Visit umw.edu and click "Alumni" for a schedule. Check out the improved alumni website and join the new "My MaryWash" online community.

As I conclude my presidency, I leave you with many thanks. I'm so proud of my alma mater, and I'm honored and gratified to have served as our Alumni Association president.

May your lives be filled with good health, good friends, and great happiness.



Patti Boise Kemp '69
Alumni Association President

Class Notes

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1941

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The Oct. 27, 2013, issue of *Parade* magazine asked if Orson Welles' 1938 radio drama *The War of the Worlds* really created panic. Well, it certainly did on the campus of Mary Washington College! I was a sophomore that year. Several of us had been invited to the home of a classmate near New Hope, Va., for the weekend. On Sunday evening, a family member drove us back to school. If there was a radio in the car, it was not turned on. The young man drove as if he had "road rage" in his heart. We were very much relieved to get to Fredericksburg in one piece! Suddenly we were overcome with a very weird feeling. There were no students on the campus! It seems that when they heard the broadcast, they believed that it was all true and quickly packed up and headed for home! Yes, the 23-year-old Orson Welles did indeed create panic all those 75 years ago. And it is still vivid in the memory of this graduate, who did not hear the broadcast but saw its result.

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Anna Austin Ware still has her routine, with a relative who takes her to the grocery store and doctors' appointments on Tuesdays and a house helper on Wednesdays. They fill in for her busy daughter, who stops by every morning before going to her office in Chestertown, Md., where they had a recent sailboat downrigging. Anna said it's fun to see the ships when driving over the Chester River Bridge, and she's ridden on them in the past. Anna had a recent outing with **Libby Phillips Roe** and Bill, and Libby's son, Bud, who drove them around Sudlersville, where they saw their now-sold home. They visited the Roe farm, where Bud lives at Sarah's Fancy (1748). Libby and Bill spent the night, and Bud took them back to Cokesbury the next day. The first

bridge four times a week. She recently visited niece Debbie of Richmond. Since Elizabeth no longer travels, she doesn't get to see her remaining relatives in Virginia. She looked forward to Thanksgiving with most of the family at daughter Trish's home.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey is doing pretty well, but walking is difficult, as it is for all of us 90-year-olds! She needs some help but still lives alone in her town-house. She told me about her family, but it was hard to keep up. She has two great-nieces in college; one was about to graduate. Jan is a high school teacher, and Mary Ann has her master's degree.

I (Phyllis Quimby Anderson) turned 90 in May. As I said last time, my children had a big party for me. Since then my daughter has married, and they are living upstairs while they look for a house. My son from Utah has been staying here and doing jobs around the house. I still drive, except at night, and he does a lot of the driving when I need it. I still play bridge, sing in the choir, am a Red Hatter, and work with our church's Women's Fellowship. I visited the new USS New

Lois Loehr Brown '41 vividly recalls the panic after Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds* radio drama in 1938. She and some friends came back from a weekend away and found campus deserted – their classmates had heard the broadcast and headed home.

Roe ancestor came to the area in 1673 and had other property before Sarah's Fancy. They found a paper at Washington College in Chestertown listing the men in the troop of Col. James Roe (War of 1812), who lived at Bud's, and a re-enactment was being planned.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray celebrated her 90th birthday in September with a 90-year-old friend. They had a party with about 200 friends at Sankaty Head Golf Club, with good food and weather, and a great band for dancing. Because of arthritis, Elizabeth doesn't walk too well, but she still drives and plays

York, built from the metal of the destroyed Twin Towers, with my two sons. Hank was on it, and every year they have a reunion in a different place, this year in Baltimore. I never knew there was so much to see there. While there, we saw my daughter Melanie, who has cancer but was on the mend. Her daughter and son-in-law in Arlington, Va., brought her to Baltimore to see us. Her son was with her for a while before heading to a new job in Chile, and friends stay with her when they can. My other children, grands, and greats are well and successful. Looking forward to a bright New Year!

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Mark and I planned to move to Haines City, Fla., in January. Any news? Please email me.

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During the season of change, when much of the nation is bathed in glorious color, we fondly recall the autumnal beauty of the MWC campus.

Remembering those days, we are saddened to have lost another dear classmate. **Mary Elwang Sharpley** of Charlottesville reported the passing of **Hilda "Hildy" Jones Blakemore**, 84, in August. A celebration of her life was held in September at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, Va., with interment the next day at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery. A native of Cardiff, Md., Hildy was valedictorian of her Bel Air High School class and majored in history at MWC. After graduation, she taught fifth grade for five years. She was married to William Kinzer Blakemore for 49 years, and they lived 42 years in Springfield, Va., where they reared their two sons. In addition to her parents and husband, Hildy was preceded in death by her sister, brother, and son Robert. She later moved to Kernersville to be near her other son and his family and became active in their church. She is survived by son William and his wife, a granddaughter, extended family members, and friends. On behalf of the class, our heartfelt



sympathy was sent to Hildy's family. We remember her lovely face, sunny disposition, and sweet smile.

team. It showed she was making progress, but her eye surgery had not yet reached its desired effect. She still had double vision, though it had improved since

March, and she hoped for further improvement before her next exam in April. She still can't drive but is grateful for her neighbors and church family. Barbara stays in touch

with **Helen Lowe Eliason**, who likes living in a Delaware assisted living facility and meeting new residents. **Alta Towe Fogelgren** and Barbara stay in touch by email, exchanging, Barbara wryly added, details of their latest health problems.

With the beginning of the fiscal year in July, we thought you might like an update on the status of our Class of 1949 Scholarship. With no additional donations in the last fiscal year, the total market value as of June 30 remained at \$52,651. Of the \$2,400 award budget for the academic year 2012-13, \$1,000 went to **Jennifer Metesh '13**, a historic preservation major from Roanoke, Va., and \$1,400 to **Jessica Hopkins '15**, a history major from Duncannon, Pa. Of our \$2,500 annual budget for 2013-14, \$1,250 went to Hopkins, who was renewed, and \$1,250 to **Casey Klein '17**, a freshman from Fredericksburg with an undeclared major. Such an award would have covered much of our college tuition 60-some years ago, but with today's charges, it covers little. Please keep our prospective Devils in mind as you consider donations, and remember that this scholarship originated with and represents the Fabulous Forty-Niners!

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart spent last summer in Halifax for her role in an episode of the Canadian sitcom *Mr. D*. Next we heard from her from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on the opposite

side of Canada, where our multi-talented Conni played an evil person in the horror film *Wolf Cop*, about a cop who becomes a werewolf. Our lovely Conni portrays a "shape-shifter" who changes from one evil being to another. Can you picture that? Conni said she was learning lots about the horror genre and that it was loads of fun to shoot because of the special effects. She cited a scene filmed in mid-November in which the cop was tied to a tree, turning into a werewolf. It was about 4 degrees Fahrenheit and took four hours to shoot. Her mythological character was dressed in long robes, fortunately covering silk long johns, thermal tights, and layers of warm socks in her boots. She said it was "quite cozy, except when the wind blew snow in my face!" Get ready for this: Conni's character impaled the cop/wolf with her sword, then drank his blood, which she claimed as a veritable "fountain of youth"! Can't you imagine Conni's glee at portraying that role? Some octogenarian, isn't she?

Conni also wrote about Moose Jaw, perhaps best known as the headquarters for Al Capone during prohibition. They have a mock-up of his office (night club and brothel included) and the tunnels where they transferred booze to the railroads. Young actors played various characters on the tour. Even more interesting was the mock-up of the tunnels and living quarters for the Chinese railroad workers.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart '49 spent hours in the 4-degree Saskatchewan weather filming *Wolf Cop*. Luckily her character's robes covered her long johns, thermal tights, and layers of socks!

Conni felt the treatment of the workers rivaled slavery and that it's a testament to the Chinese that there are so many prosperous and accomplished Chinese-Canadian descendants today. Our warmest thanks to dear Conni for her mini-travelogues. Just when we were in despair for having so little to report, Conni came through!

As you must be aware, May 30, 2014, will mark exactly 65 years since we walked across the stage in GW, clutching our new diplomas in anticipation of the next part of our lives. Now, we are invited back in honor of that memorable day. We'll be part of the combined 1908 Society rather than an individual class. But, while we have no idea how many or few of us will make that nostalgic journey, we're still the Class of Forty-Nine! By now, you should have received a Reunion Weekend brochure with the format and schedule for the weekend of May 30 to June 1, 2014. May we meet again, you know where, you know when ... "some sunny day?"

As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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Thanks to those who answered my request for news. I hope to hear from more of you in the future.

Mary Winston Jones Lata of Lawrence, Kan., is her orthopedic doctor's "bionic woman." She had a second knee joint replacement, and more recently, she had a bad fall on her bathroom floor, broke a femur, needed a plate and screws, and was in a nursing home to heal. Daughter Jamie of Topeka visits often. She has two girls, 8 and 12. Son John is athletic director at Florida State University in Tallahassee. His oldest son is married with two daughters, making Mary Winston and Alfred great-grandparents.

Marcy Weatherly Morris and Juney Morris were to be

great-grandparents again, as granddaughter Erin was expecting a boy. Erin's other children are 10, 12, and 15, and the man she married in 2011 has a 13-year-old. Marcy said Erin will have her hands full at 36!

Nancy Lee Fox Sease of Spring Grove, Va., no longer has horses,

Members of the Class of '44 are entering their 90s with grace and fun, including Elizabeth Cumby Murray '44, who celebrated with a party for 200 with music and dancing.

In the fall/winter edition of *Class Notes*, we reported the June death of **Mildred Vance Secular**, sister of **Lucretia "Lucy" Vance Gilmer**. In her latest letter, Lucy, who lives in Bristol, Va., enclosed an obituary for their only brother, Claude Vance Jr., 89, who died in September after a long illness. Ever an active, dedicated church member, Lucy finished entering all the church library books on computer and printing author, title, and subject cards. She planned to cook her usual Thanksgiving dinner for her two nieces, Claude's daughters, and her grandnephew.

In August, **Judith "Judy" Stone Johnstone** and Bob drove from their new Weston, Mass., home to Illinois for granddaughter Katie's outdoor wedding beneath two giant oak trees on a perfect, blue-sky day. Judy enjoyed having a mini-family reunion at the same time. Granddaughter Meg, Ann and John's daughter, is engaged. The husband-to-be had friends hide in the shrubbery in Central Park and pop out cheering when she said "yes." After the summer wedding, four of their seven grands will be wed, and they look forward to the great-grands. The Johnstones had settled in well in Weston but still miss Virginia. Judy's current reading list includes the latest biographies of Jefferson and Washington, and she said Ron Chernow's *Washington: A Life* gives a description of Mary Washington that wouldn't have pleased Mrs. Bushnell!

Barbara Tripp Wright of South Hill, Va., had a follow-up exam in October by her U.Va. medical

ponies, or dogs. They do have 10 cats, six feral in the stable and four domestic. They took down their fences, so their property looks like an estate. Husband Tec has COPD and is completely blind due to macular degeneration, so Nancy Lee does the garden but has help with the grass and leaves. She was site manager at the 18th-century Smith's Fort Plantation for 10 years. She has volunteered for ages at the Williamsburg library and for five years at the humane society. She's been connected with the Boston Ballet, where she teaches a ballet class. She visits son "Sport" (Hugh) in Cohasset, Mass. He sold the ordinance remediation company he developed after retiring from the Navy and works for the new owners. Sport and Mary have son Hunter, 25, an Art Institute of Boston graduate who sells his paintings, and daughter Merrick, 21, a junior University of Maine English major.

Florence Overley Ridderhof said Fredericksburg was beautiful in fall, with College Avenue a

Fredericksburg, as she would love to see you.

Four of **Clelia Boushee Bullard's** grandchildren had weddings in one year, three in Jacksonville, Fla., where Clelia lives, the other in Atlanta. One of her grandsons went to the Naval Academy, attended pilot training, and is an F-18 pilot in his first year at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. One of Clelia's granddaughters came to live with her after graduating from law school at the University of Florida. She's head trainer and handles legal work for K9s for Warriors. Her office is 32 miles away, so she stays at Clelia's beach house. Her German shepherd, Ruger, has become Clelia's dog; Clelia lost her shepherd three years ago. Happy to still be able to do everything she wants, Clelia is involved with church activities and with genealogical organizations, including DAR, UDC, and Colonial Dames XVII Century. All four daughters still live within 3 miles of her, and six grandchildren live in town, so they get together often.

Betsy Surles '53 and roommate **Sara Lou Mott Gabler Bevin '53** hadn't been in touch since 1954, until Betsy happened on the name of Sara's son. Betsy emailed the Virginia Tech professor, he called his mother, and she called Betsy – all within an hour!

riot of color and the trees in full splendor. She had been knitting, weaving, and spinning, trying different ways to paint a warp and weave a tapestry. She still dances with the Sacred Dance Ensemble of Fredericksburg and the ecumenical group, which includes several MWC grads. They also keep Friends of Dance going, encouraging UMW's Department of Theatre and Dance and giving scholarships. She's involved with Micah Ministries, helping the homeless, and Fredericksburg Methodist Church. Florence and others went to NYC this fall to join sacred dancers in a program at Trinity Church. She said to let her know if you get back to

Ciel Schoolcraft Commander has moved into a "vibrant assisted living" facility in Carrollton, Ga. She broke her writing hand in March, so she couldn't include much information. **Liz Garey Parode** moved from Tucson, Ariz., to Long Beach, Calif., with her puppy, Penny. Liz often visited **Mary Cottingham Hardy** in San Pedro, Calif., and was saddened by her death. She said Mary had a serious fall and never recovered. We all will remember Mary as very active in college, and she attended most of our reunions.

Myrtle Buchanan '83 sent an email request. Her mother, **Maggie Rebecca Jones**, and

twin sister **Laura Elizabeth Jones** were in our class for two years, and both died when Myrtle was young – her mother when Myrtle was 4. The only UMW story she knows is of a psychology professor who did an experiment with them about how twins look alike, and somehow they tricked him. If you have memories of the Jones twins, please email Myrtle (myrtleannb@gmail.com) or me. I hope to hear from more of you!

1951

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1952

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Nancy Parker Richardson has four granddaughters. Three are married. Two have babies, and Nancy loves being a great-grandmother. Isaiah, 2, and Gracie Marie, 6 months, live in Ohio. River Daniel lives in Colorado. Nancy sends her love to all.

Carol Edgerton Cooper was in Seattle when the University of Washington, which had never retired a woman's jersey, retired granddaughter Courtney's volleyball jersey! Courtney was on the U.S. Olympic team and plays professional volleyball in Switzerland. Carol enjoyed a visit from her six grandsons. Two had returned from recent tours in Afghanistan. She keeps busy but has stopped playing tennis.

1953

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Winter seemed to converge upon us all of a sudden. Warm notes from members of the Class of '53 add to the ambiance of the moment. Remembrances of past days together at MWC are special.

Carolyn Redic '53 had a family reunion in Costa Rica, ziplining and seeing howler monkeys in the jungle canopy.

Lenny and I celebrated our 60th anniversary in August, and Myrtle Beach was our destination for my birthday in September. We were blessed with great health this year. Lenny's heart valve replacement four years ago gave him a new lease on life. He still works eight-hour days in accounting and says he will never retire, but losing most of his 50-year clients here in Warrenton is hard. With my brother in the house some 27 years, our son here since his job closed at the airport after 27 years, 12 in our daughter's office in D.C. to be replaced with 24 part-timers in January, and our two teenage granddaughters here every other weekend from West Virginia, life goes on full speed.

The Internet reconnected me with my former roomie, **Sara Lou Mott Gabler Bevin**. I happened upon the name of her son, a Virginia Tech professor, and emailed him. He called his mother, and she called me – all within an hour!

I'd lost touch with Sara in 1954. She remarried, had two daughters, and moved to Holly Springs, N.C. Since her husband died, she has lived with one divorced daughter and her five girls. We hope to meet someday.

Betty Cranford Beasley lives in a Fredericksburg adult apartment complex, near the family of daughter Donna, who died unexpectedly in June. Betty's son-in-law and two grandsons are very special to her. **Betty Raynor Pittman** has a grandson in his second year at UMW, living at Eagle Landing. Betty's life had recently been hard. Her daughter, **Barbara Pittman Ferrier '80**, lost her 24-year-old daughter in August, after five years with ovarian cancer, and she lost her husband after a heart attack and surgery two months earlier. They were ready to put summer behind them.



Betty Mason Roper and husband Charlie flew to New Hampshire to visit a son and family for their 60th anniversary. They were treated to a week in London with their two sons and two grandchildren. In September, they visited a grandson and his two boys in Fort Myers, Fla., and their oldest son, a professor of rural medicine at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Betty recently reconnected with freshman Willard Hall roommate **Nancy Harwell Bowen**, who lives on a farm in Warrenton, and they took a side trip to visit her. They heard Lorin Maazel conduct at Castleton in 2012. On their last two visits, they saw **Jean Browning Rockwell** and husband Fred. Last February Betty and Charlie dropped in on Ray and **Kitty Garland Obenshain**, who has health issues and is frail but maintains her smile and spirit, in Christiansburg.

Ginny Poole Kinniburgh and husband John are "scheduled retirees." Ginny wrote two Christmas shows and was rehearsing her choir and chorus to sing at four events. They live at Falcons Landing, a Northern Virginia military retirement community, where John, a former MWC rector, is a photographer. Ginny edits his work. She misses suite/roommate **Jo Harris**, who lived near her and joined her for monthly power lunches.

Virginia Bailes was sad to learn of four-year roomie **Donna**

Nancy Shope Armbruster '55 and **Joe** traveled by mail boat along Norway's west coast and visited the Sami tribes in the northernmost part of Finland. They saw, and sometimes ate, reindeer.

Anderson Buck's death in April 2012. Donna's husband said they traveled while he was in the Air Force, and she taught. He retired to Arizona, where their three children live, and appreciated our contacting him and being able to share their story and keep in touch with her classmates.

Gayle Winston Roberts, our May Queen, celebrated her 60th anniversary with her sweet Page in Florida and spent a week in Virginia Beach with their family. **Frances Giannotti Scalo** saw her grandson graduate from Washington and Lee University in May and perked up during the ceremony when **Pamela White '74**, who earned a J.D. at Washington and Lee, received an honorary degree.

Barbara White Ramer lives in Roswell, Ga., with daughter Robyn and her family, including two teenage sons. Barbara discovered a school for students with learning differences 11 years ago, loved the program, and volunteered. She later assisted with the organization and operation of Porter Academy as principal. She's on the board of directors and has mentored staff as the school's educational specialist.

Doris Lindsey Whitfield moved back to Raleigh, N.C., in January 2010 into a small community of townhouses with access to a library, gym, and pool. Her daughter's family lives in Durham. She's busy with political activism and feeds and watches bluebirds. She sometimes passes through Fredericksburg.

Winnie Hundemann Schurek and **Bert Shelton Stornetta** had a mini-reunion in November at Bert's Annapolis, Md., home.

Carolyn Redic had a family reunion in Costa Rica last Christmas, ziplining and seeing howler monkeys in the jungle canopy.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson,
Jean Kimball

Gray, Deigh Renn Simpson,
Barbara Faxon Stout, Jackie Reese Perdue, and Joan Collins enjoyed our 60th reunion. Executive Director of Alumni Relations Mark Thaden worked with us, sending extra mailings. Our classmates were treated royally as 1908 Society members,

took pictures, and attended events all weekend. In July, Peggy had a call from Paul B. Gill, husband of **Peggy Jo Ellis Gill**, who was in a Bedford, Mass., nursing home after a fall and spinal cord injury. He sent a picture taken on Peggy's front porch during our fifth reunion. We hope you had a happy year's end and a fresh beginning to 2014. Remember us all and treasure each moment.

1954

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1955

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I'm getting fewer and fewer responses as the years go by, but I'm grateful for what I get. Thank you to those hardy souls who continue to contribute.

I've been corresponding with **Ann Dunaway Criswell**, who found a couple of copies of Dr. Alvey's *History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972* at an estate sale and asked if I'd like one. I told her I would and had fun reading it and skipping between years. Ann's mother graduated in 1919, when it was Fredericksburg State Normal School. Ann said the big changes started about 10 years ago. It's morphed into UMW, and nothing stays the same except our memories. However, I agree with her that it will always be MWC for all of us. Ann and her husband spend late spring and summer in Virginia, and fall and winter in California. She's still looking for lost classmates **Frances Smith, Pat Steadham,** and **Nancy Nye.**

Nancy Shope Armbruster and **Joe** of Santa Fe, N.M., traveled to Scandinavia last spring. They spent a few days in Helsinki, Finland, learning about the Finns and eating seafood; traveled through beautiful forests to the northernmost part of Finland;

visited the Sami tribes; and saw and sometimes ate reindeer. In the far north, they boarded a mail boat, traveling along Norway's west coast. The mountains were still capped with snow in May, and ice-filled glaciers streaked their sides. They got off the ship in the southernmost part of Norway and traveled by bus, listening to Grieg's music, to Oslo through gorgeous mountains with stunning lakes and tunnels to accommodate travel. Nancy said it might have been the most beautiful journey she's experienced, that we live in a wonderful world, and that it's sad we can't take better care of it.

Chris and **Charlotte Fisher Klapproth** spent 10 days in November on their favorite

Peggy Wood Wright '56 goes to monthly high school alumni luncheons in Virginia Beach.

island, Curacao, rented a car, and visited places they hadn't yet seen. Charlotte said the Caribbean island is full of roundabouts and bumpy roads, with no street signs, and that the natives are warm and helpful. The heat reminded her of Delaware summers but with a constant breeze. They found and spent time with the girls who'd made their previous trips fun. Charlotte said it was probably their last trip because of difficult travel, especially dealing with the Miami airport from an international standpoint.

Patricia Seibert Siegel and her husband sold their house in Torrance, Calif., and were moving to San Diego County, near their daughter and family. **Sally Hanger Moravitz's** son, Brian, retired from the fire department. He was an EMS with 24-hour shifts and one of the responders to the Pentagon on 9/11. Sally had a cataract removed and said she could now see all her wrinkles and her dirty house.

I planned a January hip replacement and hope it helps my attitude because I'm not a lot of fun

Carol Lehmann '58 took an August course on modern British government at the University of Oxford. She visited the houses of Parliament and Winston Churchill's home.

to be around right now. On the bright side, I can park anywhere with my handy, dandy handicap sign. When Neil drives me to work and lets me out, a couple of cars are usually waiting and honking. I get out very slowly and pathetically limp and drag my leg while looking straight at them and smiling. Golly, I do love being old and obnoxious!

1956

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Joan Morgan Bolton and Stu, married 48 years, have three sons and four grandchildren who live nearby in New England. In 1999, Joan retired from 22 years teaching public high school and is in her 14th year of tutoring ESL in Windsor, Conn., public schools. She earned a master's degree in education at UNC, Chapel Hill, studied in Mexico City, and was a training officer for the Peace Corps in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. After marrying, she lived in Spain for a year, then attended the University of Maryland. Her husband taught in private schools in California, Texas, Michigan, Arizona, and Connecticut, and they saw much of the U.S. They enjoy their grandchildren and camping in Vermont.

Hermie Gross Fox took a train trip with her sister in June through Switzerland, visiting Zurich, Chur, St. Moritz, Zermatt (and the Matterhorn), and Geneva. Afterward, they spent a few days in London. Hermie broke the radius in her left forearm – she's left-handed – while trimming roses in a raised planter bed. She had a misstep and fell backward onto the patio. She was in a cast for weeks, had therapy, and could use her left hand again. Her daughter, a middle school special education teacher, lives in Houston with her family, trains rescue ponies, owns two horses, and shows in

hunter/jumper classes, as does her middle school son. Her son-in-law works for Noble Energy. Hermie planned to take them to Oahu for the holidays. Her oldest grandson graduated from college and works for a computer company. The two youngest grandchildren are in middle and elementary school. Son John, who owns the marketing company Quiver, and his family live in Irvine, Calif., about 30 minutes away. Granddaughter Taylor teaches for Teach for America in the L.A. area. The two oldest grandsons play high school water polo. The youngest is in elementary school and plays soccer. Hermie planned to travel next year to Glacier National Park in Montana and to Paris in fall.

Peggy Wood Wright built a three-story, six-bedroom house in Midlothian, Va., with her youngest daughter and family. If anyone is in the area, she has a guest bedroom to share. One of her eight grandchildren graduated from college and is in Northern Virginia, one graduated and is in Maryland, five are in college, and one is in high school. Peggy goes to monthly high school alumni luncheons in Virginia Beach.

Edna Evans Morgan lives near Virginia's Zion Crossroads. Her grandson, in his second year at U.Va., is in the marching band. Edna traveled to Hawaii in September, stayed at the Hale Koa Hotel, and visited Bill Evans' sister. **"Red" Rosanelli Metzger** spends May through October at her New Hampshire home, winters in Richmond, and takes annual trips to Rome. I got a call from a New York law firm that **Nancy Hawkins Lockhart** passed away in March 2011.

1957

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Meredith Puller Townes' oldest grandson is in the Navy, stationed in Spain. Meredith and her husband plan to visit in November and travel to Portugal. They visited UMW last spring with one of their granddaughters, and Meredith couldn't believe the changes on campus.

Joyce Bristow Wrestler cruised to New England and Canada. They had a lobster boat excursion and saw seals at Bar Harbor. The final port was in Quebec, which was "uphill both ways." They were headed to North Carolina's Outer Banks in October. Their city, Chesapeake, Va., was celebrating its 50th anniversary. Joyce planned to participate in the community production of the Christmas portion of *Handel's Messiah*. She said she feels old when she reads UMW updates of board appointments of folks who are so young.

We planned to move in early January (yikes!), after 40 years in our 4,000-square-foot home, to a 980-square-foot retirement community condo I call our "dollhouse." Things are topsyturvy, so I keep busy sorting and discarding our "treasures."

1958

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I got an email in October from **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman**, who drove with husband Rodney to Washington, N.C., to visit

Lucile Geoghegan Cheshire and husband Bill. Jean and Lucy shared an apartment for a year after graduation and had lots of fun. Jean said Lucy was quite sick with lung cancer. She spoke later to Bill, who said Lucy wasn't talking much and was hard to understand. Lucy passed away in November, and Jean and Rodney attended the funeral in Washington. Lucy and Bill were married 54 years and have children Bill Jr., Helen, and James. Jean thinks they have 10 grandchildren. Condolences to Lucy's family and to Jean and Rodney.

Carol Lehmann, my roommate for two years, took a two-week August course on modern British government at the University of Oxford, co-sponsored for the 30th year by her Michigan State University alumni association. They visited the houses of Parliament and Winston Churchill's home. It was Carol's second trip to Oxford.

My suitemate **Sherrill Massie Judd** and her husband planned to sell their Richmond house and move to her Mount Jackson farm. **Elizabeth "Betty" Gould Storms** called in July to say she and husband Bob were great-grandparents after daughter Susan's daughter, Kristen, had baby Abigail.

The Winchester Education Foundation and school officials honored **Joyce Butler Allen's** family members during the Butler Hall dedication ceremony.

REMEMBERING

William Faulkner

In April 1957, Nobel laureate William Faulkner delivered an address at Mary Washington. University Historian Bill Crawley is soliciting memories of that event from those who attended Faulkner's talk or met with him during his visit. Please send any recollections to Professor Crawley at wcrawley@umw.edu.



Hilda and Robert Butler's 10 children graduated from Handley High School, and the Butler family donated \$80,000 to the school because of the value they place on education.

I visited **Joyce Larrick Casey '60** and husband Jerry at the annual Empty Bowl Supper to benefit the Laurel Center for abused women. Joyce was honored at a recent tea for 40 years of work at Handley Regional Library in Winchester, Va.

Could you please put me on your holiday lists? We need your support to keep the 1958 class notes going. Keep in touch, and thanks to those who've responded in the past.

1959

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Jane Tucker Broadbooks sold their house and moved to a ground-floor apartment in Asheville, N.C. Moving 38 years of accumulation took a while, but Karl and family were there for them. One of the three bedrooms is John's office; he's still saying no to retirement. Jane hoped to visit **Molly Bradshaw Clark** in Georgia in April, and she said **Mary Stump Harold**

Joyce Neill Krost '60 was working on the set of the Las Vegas musical *Summer Lovin'*.

was well and **Jo Neal Hendricks Scully** was hopping along in Richmond. **Sue Horan** is in Roseville, Calif.

We held our first meeting for our 55th reunion with **Dodie Reeder Hrubby**, **Marcia Phipps Ireland**, and **Marcia Spence Harrison-Thornton** in July. Marcia Spence works three days a week in her psychotherapy practice, is a Healing Touch energy therapy practitioner, and has three grandchildren. Her oldest son and family were returning to California, which means she'll be traveling. We met again in September with the

rest of the team – **Emily Babb Carpenter**, **Kay Rowe Hayes**, **Edith Sheppard Ott**, and **Mary Fredman Downing** – accomplished much. **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** and I couldn't make it, but we planned to meet again in January. By now, you should have received my first reunion "come on" letter.

My grandson, Lucas, is in a Montessori pre-school. He likes to learn and is very serious about his homework. He also does tae kwon do and soccer.

1960

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Greetings to all our Class of Sexy – oops – '60 classmates from your Stupendously Stellar Class Agents!

As you know, we summarize the class news in our monthly emails for *UMW Magazine*. We love hearing from you and are grateful to those who check in regularly. We'd also like news from those who only check in every millennium. We all are anxious for your news and count on you to stay in touch. Contact us if you are not receiving the newsletter.

Karen Larsen Nelson and **Darrell** visited their daughter, two granddaughters, and two great-grandkids, now 2½, in Henderson, Nev., in July. They visited Lassen Volcanic National Park, the Redwoods, the Oregon beaches, Crater Lake National Park, and Fort Clatsop in Astoria, and took a ferry ride across the Columbia River to Washington. They visited Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, drove along the Washington side of the Columbia River, and visited

the Bonneville Dam and fish ladders on their way to visit **Gaye Roberts Olsen** in Boise, Idaho. Karen and Gaye reminisced about Mary Washington days; Gaye and others spent time at the home of the late Anna Scott "Scotty" Hoyer, UMW professor emerita of biology. Karen and Darrell spent August in their trailer at "senior summer

Sue Whidden Frisch '60 is webmaster and blogger for the farmers market she started in 2006 in Norfolk, Conn.

camp" in Show Low, Ariz., and danced again during a weekend in Albuquerque. Grandson Alex completed Marine basic training at Parris Island and his second phase of training. He looked forward to his next assignment and learning electronics repair.

Jane Denslow McCrohan also drove in The Dalles along the Columbia River this spring, traveling east on the Washington side and west on the Oregon side. They returned to Portland to visit their granddaughter, who is studying microbiology at the University of Portland. Jane sent pictures from junior and sophomore year. Karen Larsen Nelson was in some, along with **Pat Behrman MacDonald**, **Joan Brunner**, and **Lucy Wu Wang**.

Joyce Neill Krost was working with friend Neill on the Las Vegas musical set of *Summer Lovin'*. She had planned to leave in September for a few months in Spain, painting, drinking wine, and gossiping with her sister, but her sister's husband had medical problems, and Joyce delayed her trip. She planned to paint a huge project for someone's dining room. **Jeanette Meyer Juren** and Hal took an August trip to Ashland, Ore., attending programs, lectures, and theater tours at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. From there, they toured Minneapolis.

Martha Butler Lebovitz spent a week with her University of Texas granddaughter, visiting her brothers in Winchester,

Va., and spending time in Washington, D.C., visiting the WWII and Vietnam memorials. They also visited Martha's other granddaughter, who was interning with Teach for America in Philadelphia. **Sue Whidden Frisch** and husband Bruce live in Connecticut, where Sue started a farmers market in Norfolk in 2006. It got townwide support, they hired a manager, and they now do 22 weekly summer markets and one in December. They redid their website and Sue is the webmaster, Facebook administrator, and blogger.

Betty Ditmars Prosser, who's been with Mary Kay for 30 years, celebrated the company's 50th anniversary with 8,000 other consultants and directors in Dallas in August. Betty spends as much time as possible with her 11-year-old twin grandsons. She visited granddaughter Megan in Southern California in September, while Megan's parents were in Italy, and broke her foot in October.

Syd Collson Chichester doesn't volunteer as much when she's in Fredericksburg as she does in Florida, but she keeps almost as busy, lunching with old friends and serving on her gated community's landscape committee. Syd got an email from **Patty Morgan Connelly**, who's still active with her horse, which was injured last winter but was back at "work." Patty sings in her church choir and plays golf and tennis. **Gay Hall Sullivan** lives in Syd's community, and they do lots of things together, including caravanning to Florida and back each year.

Gretchen Squires Best and **Graham** live in North Carolina. Gretchen spent time with friends last summer in the North Carolina mountains and a week with her two younger sisters at their childhood lake vacation spot in northeastern Pennsylvania. The Bests visited their daughter when she took her daughter to start at Guilford College in Greensboro.

Joan Scarritt Reynolds thanked us for her August birthday card. Her sons took her out for a Mexican dinner. She had

her annual September visit with Cape Cod friends, then took a cruise with them from Copenhagen to Venice. Joan went on the gluten-free diet hoping it would help with allergies. She said it had and that the arthritis in her hands was gone. **Nancy Rorabaugh** retired from teaching at the end of the year.

Iris Hall Newton of Fredericksburg went to Tennessee in March and May and took two recent trips to Pennsylvania. Laser surgery on one eye in May went well. She still crochets, quilts, makes gifts, and has weekly family get-togethers. **Joyce Larrick Casey** of Winchester, Va., was recognized at a tea for 40 years of part-time work at Handley Regional Library, which celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. **Mona Allen Spilo** said, regard-

to spend Thanksgiving in Maine with daughter Laura's family. Carole still works with son Matt about 15 hours per week.

Sue Smith Goodrick turned 75 and said she hadn't looked forward to it but it's comforting to have company in her classmates. Her son's family visited her from Chicago in July; her daughter came from Phoenix to join them. They took Sue's johnboat into the Intracoastal Waterway to Topsail Beach, where they sunbathed, fished, and let the boys splash around. Afterward, Sue spent a week in Washington, Mo., and took a romantic road trip to Charleston, S.C.

Jody Campbell Close said her "new normal," including braces on both feet to help her walk without pain, does "not a stunning fashion statement

with lakeside views, is already a destination-wedding site, and their next project is a small chapel. Jody hopes to take some interesting trips this year.

We hope for another great column next time with lots of news from lots of you. Email as much as you like to either of us. Your classmates love reading about each of you, even if you think it's mundane or inconsequential. So write! You might make someone's day a little brighter.

1961

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Please send news to the designated Class Agent according to the first letter of your maiden name.

From Connie (via Lynne): I'm filling in for Connie while she recovers from a mild stroke and light seizure in October. She had therapy in the hospital's rehab clinic, and husband Andy said doctors are optimistic she'll make a full recovery. When I spoke to her a month after the stroke, she sounded the way she always did and her mind was as sharp as a tack. She did say this stroke recovery seemed worse than her lung transplant in December 2012. She suffers from shakiness, poor balance when walking, and fatigue. Connie asked to recognize and send sympathy to classmates suffering from ailments or losses of family members. **Bobbie Brookes Nation** said, "Could there be a more lovely, intelligent, and remarkably brave, giving, and sharing person on this planet Earth to cheer for? I am sending my love to this wonderfully courageous woman."

Clara Sue Durden Ashley still works part time at the Quilt Shop of McLean in Virginia. Husband Clarence's knee replacement went well. They expected the whole family for Christmas, with 15 houseguests

and 21 for dinner. **Charlotte Howard Austin** and Hank moved to a retirement community. **Judy LaRoe Hare** still works full time, plays tennis when she can, and planned to spend Thanksgiving in Phoenix with her family.

Bev Carlson Shea said that when her son Dan, 42, was a National Merit Scholar and the male Presidential Scholar from Pennsylvania, we were still in the dark ages with no email, and letters were too much of a bother. He graduated from Princeton and Harvard Business School. When Heather, 39, was Phi Beta Kappa and first in her class in economics at Penn, we still couldn't write news so easily. Since then, all she has to add is grandchildren from both of them.

Carol Schock Furman moved to a Virginia condo. Sadly, her older daughter, Candy Elaine, passed away last November at 44. Seven weeks later Carol's husband passed away at 84. Her grandchildren, ages 5, 8, and 11, have been her salvation. Carol planned to attend an October UMW alumni reception at the Cavalier Hotel and visit with President Hurley. She still does day care at 74!

From Renee: I hope you are well and enjoyed a beautiful autumn. I had Internet problems and lost mail from one of our classmates, so my apologies to her. I hope to hear from her – and from more of my group – again next time. Please?

Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer and hubby Hank have been married 52 years. They'd sailed on the Norwegian Jewel to Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel and decided to go again in November with a group of seniors from their church. The GERMERS visit their two grown children and grandson Henry, and continued to be blessed with excellent health.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom sent a copy of **Judith "Judy" Lewis Clark's** obituary. Judy died in October after a long battle with brain cancer. She taught chemistry and physics at Alexandria's

Marcia Spence Harrison-Thornton '59 works three days a week in her psychotherapy practice and is a Healing Touch energy therapy practitioner.

ing her birthday, "You can't hide your age from classmates!" **Betty Oliver Bridgman** said she doesn't feel 75, except when she walks. She walks with a cane due to an inoperable ankle problem. She and Victor celebrated their 52nd anniversary and love living in the West.

Jody Campbell Close wrote a memoir about college roommate and longtime friend **Carole Faison Rasmussen**, ending with news that Carole's husband, Royce, passed away in February 2013. He'd been in ill health for years and began declining rapidly in November. Carole took his ashes to Nebraska in May. The sad trip also turned into a small family reunion and a time of sharing. Carole then spent time with Royce's sister and husband in Denver. She took her first cruise in July, visiting New England with friends, and goes to the Jersey Shore with her son and his family each August. She went to a Winchester-area arts festival in October, her first time in Virginia in a while, and hoped

make!" She's been working with physical therapists, all young enough to be surrogate grandchildren. Jody's extended family lives in Virginia and Washington state. Her youngest was being transferred back to Florida, so she'll get to see his children more often. She's reached a new plateau, resetting her grandkid-meter to accommodate young adults. No more babies and "skip-along" schoolkids. She's still fascinated by genealogy. Her genealogical society presented its annual family history open house in October, and she taught the annual Boy Scout genealogy merit badge workshop in March. Jody belongs to the local historical society. They're proud of their historic village built around an old train depot. Two old homes and the original one-room library were moved to the location, which includes a WWII Quonset hut with military memorabilia. They recently added a replica of an early one-room schoolhouse, and a Boy Scout Eagle project produced an authentic outhouse. The village,



Hammond High School, and ethics and computer skills at Fishburne Military School. Survivors include husband John C. Clark of Waynesboro, her son and daughter and their spouses, five grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters, one of whom is **Emily Lewis Andres '62**.

I am doing well. Test results are good, my hair has grown back, and I'm as active as I want to be! I still enjoy classes at UCLA Extension in a program for ages 50 and older. Recent favorites include astronomy, movie musicals, writing, and history of

Barbara Schwab Jesser '62 and her husband, Bill, visited the Galapagos and Peru with friends.

rock 'n' roll. Next quarter I plan to take "The Play's the Thing," Puccini, and a couple of others.

From Lynne: Sandy and I signed up for the UMW President's Travel Club cruise through the Panama Canal in January. To celebrate a significant birthday, we planned a March trip with friends to Houston for the rodeo and to New Orleans. **Pat Scott Peck** was in Maine for the summer, and **Carolyn Crum Pannu** visited for two weeks in August. They stayed with **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** a few nights, then went to Pat's cottage on the Canadian border, seeing Mount Desert Island and St. Andrews in Canada. Finally, they drove to Boston, visited Salem, and stayed with Carolyn's parents' neighbors from the '50s. Pat hopes to visit Carolyn in California in spring.

Marcy Trembath Pitkin finished chemo in August and had a double mastectomy in October, and the tumor was completely gone. **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** misses twin sister Judy but has her beloved cat, Ebony, who has become a wonderful companion. Eleanore had a clamshell cast on her upper arm for three months. Fortunately, it's her left arm, but she still has to type with one finger.

Kay Slaughter has a step-great-grandson who's 3 and another great-grandson who's 2. She retired as an attorney at Southern Environmental Law Center in 2010 and planned to totally retire after this year as an adjunct professor at U.Va., her 10th year teaching. She wants to spend more time writing and enjoying life with no set schedule. She had been busy politicking in Virginia's governor's race. Kay still sees **Suzanne Stafford**, her roommate at Carolina after MWC. Suzanne was living in a senior community in Bethesda, Md., while being treated for

ovarian cancer, and Kay said she has done well. Kay said **Mary Thom White Osborne**, who transferred with her to Carolina

and lives in the Boca Raton area, lost her husband in 2011. Kay keeps up with **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, who she saw in spring 2012 at their high school reunion in Richmond, and **Renee Levinson Laurents** on Facebook and wishes more MWC alums would join. Kay wondered if anyone has heard from **Sandy Wadlow** or **Carol Lemon**, who were her friends before MWC.

Graham Walker Burns heard from **Sara Prosterman Brown** that she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. They might try chemo, but she's not a surgery candidate. Email well wishes to her at sbrown@tylerandco.com and keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Anne Tetterton Jordan Madsen – who lived in Betty Lewis Hall freshman year, Virginia sophomore year, married, and transferred to the College of William and Mary branch that's now ODU junior year – said, "What wonderful news about Renee. Cancer free! It looks like she is carrying on in her wonderful style. Keep it up, Renee. You are one of the gals I will never forget."

1962

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From Kathleen: It seems at this age in life we've switched gears and are still quite busy, plus we have extended our families and friendships. Somehow, I feel I'm in American lit class again reviewing Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Do human beings realize the treasures of life while they're living it? Many of you know I now live in Fredericksburg. I recently learned from my new neighbor that **Betsy Williams Brothers** and her husband played a great part in the restoration in downtown Suffolk, Va., located at the old high school and Main Street. They've won many awards, and historical markers are posted. Betsy's health has greatly improved after treatment at Johns Hopkins. She hopes to visit Honduras soon with family.

Lynda Puckett Howell still lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., but was unable to join **Marsha Arlott Wooster**, **Liz Kennedy Thomas Slate**, and Betsy in her old Nags Head family cottage, as she spends lots of time caring for husband Dennis. Their stays on

Bev Bird Miller '63 gives schoolchildren tours of the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum in Atlanta.

Emerald Isle and Wintergreen are very limited. Lynda has grandchildren nearby. **Suzy Hawkins C. Thomas**, my MWC choral buddy who still lives in Oregon, switched from counseling to being a Macy's jewelry consultant. How does she fit it in with five children and grands around the country?

Peggy Downs Gerber and **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** and their golf-playing husbands are busy babysitting new grandbabies. Joyce teaches piano to some of her grandchildren. **Louise Couch Girvin** and John visited

San Antonio, Texas, and assisted youth Bible studies in Kentucky. Several classmates and their husbands met in September in Richmond for their 55th reunion at Tee Jay High School. I had a wonderful time catching up on classmates and friends with **Donna Floyd Parker** and husband Scott of Georgia, and **Gale Taylor Drew** and husband Lewis. **Joan Blesse Griffin**, who left junior year to pursue a nursing degree, and her husband live in Smithfield near her brother Jim. **Kay Christian Hunter** and her husband still live in Richmond. She volunteers and keeps up with her nearby grandchildren. Even **Archer Cassada Williams**, who earned a master's degree at MWC, and husband Tom were there. Forgive me if I left anyone out. This job entails lots of memory unless you write me some notes, gals!

Pat Mackey Taylor, who escorted me on my first teaching job interview in Tidewater in 1962, welcomed more grandchildren and traveled to places like Russia and Egypt. **Jane Walshe McCracken** seems lost in sunny California without us. Please write or call her.

I went with my Lynchburg daughter's children and family to Disney World in June. I still make music with daughter Amy at church and town events. Son Matt and family manage the Goddard School in Williamsburg. My cocker spaniel was sporting a pink cast on a broken leg!

On a sad note, we extend our condolences to several classmates. If you know of any such news, please notify the Office of Alumni Relations or one of the class agents. **Nancy Powell Sykes** lost a special cousin, Newport News native **Kathryn Ward Dickinson '87**, to cancer. Kathy had won the Teacher of the Year award in Spotsylvania County. **Joan Akers Rothgeb** and **Ann Tench Huml** emailed in November about the passing of **Emily Lewis'** sister, **Judy Lewis Clark '61**, who had a brain tumor. Joan went to the service, conducted by Emily's

husband, Rev. Anthony Andres, in Waynesboro.

Joan travels and babysits, especially in Richmond. She and husband Eddie enjoy going to their Wintergreen-area mountain cottage. Joan shared news from classmates. **Lucy Ritter Todd** co-chaired her town's November all-community garage sale in Bastrop, Texas, to benefit the historical museum. Donna Floyd Parker and husband Scott, in Virginia for his fall high school reunion, visited **Sue Grandy Farrar**, Gale Taylor Drew, and Gale's husband, Lewis. Gale invited Joan and husband Eddie

Nancy Slonim Aronie '63 volunteers as a driver of the elderly, still writes for NPR, and teaches. Her new class is "Jump Start Your Memoir."

to spend the night when Donna was there. At the reunion, Donna spent time with **Kathleen Lisagor**, who helped plan it. Donna and Scott planned to return home to Atlanta to visit their daughter, then head to Louisiana.

Mary Lott Haglund was in Virginia for her fall high school reunion and a wedding. She also attended a gathering at Wintergreen, organized by Gale Taylor Drew. Mary and Gale, along with Sue Grandy Farrar, **Betsy Carper Cole**, and Joan Akers Rothgeb, spent several days exploring the area and catching up with each other. Betsy bought a condo at Pawleys Island, S.C., where they planned to spend part of the year. Her son, his wife, and Betsy's grandson live there. **Barbara Schwab Jesser** and husband Bill visited the Galapagos and Peru in fall with friends.

Please share your news. Any news you might receive would make 2014 special! As I wrote this, we were entering the cold spell of winter. May your homes be filled with happiness and your hearts with love and sweet memories. Please share news, names, and addresses!

1963

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It's wonderful to hear from so many classmates! What interesting women you all are! Many of you said you enjoyed the reunion and reconnecting, and thanked the committee for a fabulous time.

From Linkey: Check umwclassof63.shutterfly, where I put photos of reunion. You might have to join

Shutterfly, but there's no cost. Email me if you'd like to be added to the site or if you haven't received messages from me via Shutterfly. Many thanks to **Lois Smith McDaniel** for the great pictures she took and to **Betsy Lydle Smith** for doing the column this time, as I have been recuperating from a collapsed lung and surgery. I was almost back to 100 percent at this writing. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Suellen Grant Knowles said that during Reunion Weekend, our class was inducted into the 1908 Society, representing all Mary Washington alumni who've previously celebrated their 50th anniversary. As 1908 Society members, we're invited to attend Reunion Weekend each year. During our 55th, we'll have the opportunity for a separate Friday night class dinner, a designated area in the 1908 Society tent, and more. It's a wonderful opportunity to schedule a gathering with friends. Our class contributed \$586,290.47 to the University. More than 122 donors, 36 percent of our class, participated in the Race for the Eagle. Most of the donations were designated toward

specific scholarships and endowments. The rest was given to the Fund for Mary Washington, supporting scholarships and career services, and alumni and student activities. We continue the tradition of assisting the next generation of students as was done for us.

Karen Vandevanter Morrison and **Bev Sangston** formed a committee to begin looking into ideas and funding for a Class of 1963 gift to UMW. If you have ideas or would like to be on the committee, contact Karen at mms02891@gmail.com.

Karen and husband Kent spent September in Europe, visiting the museums that had just reopened in Amsterdam. As Karen dodged bicycles, she pictured **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel**, who used to live there, fearless and full speed ahead. The Morrisons visited art museums in Prague, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, as well as Nuremberg and the monument the Germans finished in 2012 for the trials. They motored down the Danube,

Gloria Moskowitz Fischel '63 has put her degree in psychology back to use and entered a training program to become a crisis counselor for the mentally disturbed.

ending in Budapest, and spent a few days in Vienna. Karen got together with **Beth Wharton Williams** and husband Sam in fall, when they visited Seattle from Texas.

After 25 years teaching mainly fourth and fifth grades, **Bev Bird Miller**, who lives near Atlanta, retired in 2001 and loves every minute of this chapter in her life. She and Paul deliver Meals on Wheels, and Bev gives school children tours of the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum, helps at their church, and has luncheons with friends and schoolteachers. She went to Disney with family, and her 5-year-old granddaughter talked her into going on a rollercoaster

and waterslide. Bev still deals with skin cancer and has surgery several times a year, but all is well. She broke her leg in four places two years ago, so she's given up tennis but does play some golf. Bev keeps in touch with MWC roommate **Susan O'Connor Johonnett** of New Hampshire.

Linda Gulnac Steelman and husband Bill were healthy and plan to travel to Africa to see the great migration in Tanzania once Bill completes his course work in May. Linda was entering her 14th year as an interpreter for the Nantucket Historical Association. She continues to grow in her knowledge of the area's deep historical heritage and loves the interaction with people.

Nancy Slonim Aronie volunteers, driving the elderly on Martha's Vineyard. She hadn't realized how much she missed her mother and all their outings when she was in her late 80s, so she considers the women she drives treasures. Her grandson is 3½, and Nancy is dissolved in love like never before. She still writes for NPR and teaches. Her new class is "Jump Start Your Memoir." Her book, *Writing From the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice*, has gone into its seventh printing, and her husband got a patent on his vaporizer for medical marijuana.

Janice Coleman, a math major, spent her career in education. At our 50th reunion, she visited dear friend **Joyce Henderson Looger**, who she hadn't seen for nearly 20 years. The too-early deaths of roommates and lifetime best friends **Dabney Lipscomb Rader** and **Wendy Shadwell** made the reunion

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Partners Sniff Out Arson

The house had burned to the ground, and its embers still smoldered. Fire investigator **David Doehler '02** and Cadet worked the perimeter, but the Labrador's well-trained nose detected no trace of accelerant. To himself, Doehler thought, *probably not arson*.

But the next day, when the debris had cooled, they returned for a closer sniff at the foundation. This time, Cadet calmly sat down at the threshold, alerting Doehler that he'd picked up the odor of a flammable liquid. Tests of samples from the site proved that the fire had indeed been set, and the perpetrator was arrested and convicted.

That was just one of many fire scenes Doehler and Cadet worked between 2004 and '09 as the first dog-and-handler accelerant-detection team for the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

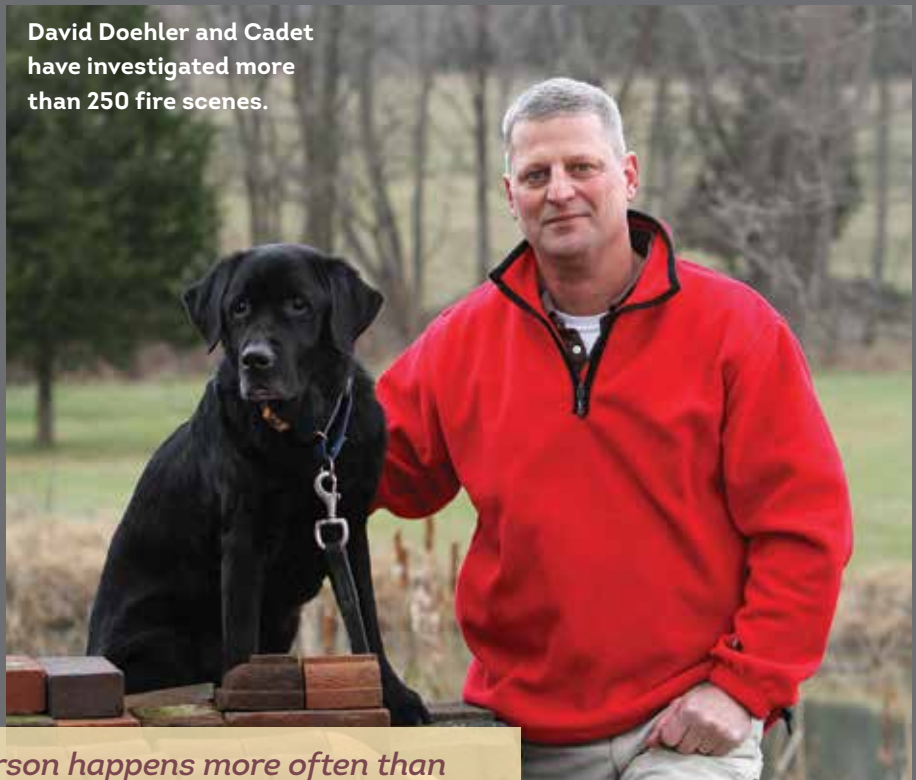
Doehler, who earned a bachelor of liberal studies degree, had been a firefighter for 18 years and an investigator for another eight when he got the chance to work with an accelerant-detection dog. He was matched with Cadet in Front Royal, Va., where the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives trains Labrador retrievers for arson investigation and explosives detection.

Trained dog-and-handler teams are frequently called on to investigate fires in other jurisdictions. Doehler and his Labrador partner examined more than 250 fire scenes throughout Northern Virginia, and many of those turned out to be arson cases.

"Arson happens more often than you think," Doehler said. But it can be difficult to prove. "In most crime scenes, evidence is left behind," he said. "In fires, evidence is destroyed."

A trained dog can smell far more than an investigator can see, and once a dog detects an accelerant, evidence can be tested for chemical composition.

David Doehler and Cadet have investigated more than 250 fire scenes.



Norm Shafer

"Arson happens more often than you think." But it can be difficult to prove. "In most crime scenes, evidence is left behind. In fires, evidence is destroyed." – David Doehler

The dogs aren't court witnesses – that part is up to the handler. Attorneys may try to discredit a dog, but Cadet always scored 100 percent on his recertification exams and was never challenged. "This was an exceptional dog," Doehler said.

Human participants in ATF training programs are encouraged to adopt their dogs and keep them for the rest of their lives, which Doehler was happy to do. He retired in 2009 as a captain and assistant fire marshal, and Cadet retired with him.

Cadet enjoys rural life in the Shenandoah Valley with Doehler, wife **Andrea Hoover Doehler '90**, daughter Madison, and son Benjamin. At 12, Cadet is the elder statesman of the Doehlers' animals, including two other

dogs, cats, goats, chickens, guinea fowl, and a peacock.

Doehler, however, wasn't ready to quit working. Now 55, he is a contract trainer at the ATF facility where he got Cadet.

It's a career he prepared for in part by earning a degree from UMW – still Mary Washington College when he started the program in the early 1990s. Demands of work and parenthood allowed him to take just a course at a time, but his faculty mentor, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Michael Bass, "went above and beyond" to keep him on track, Doehler said. "And a decade later, I graduated."

With two alumni parents, daughter Madison checked out the campus as part of her college search. Right away, UMW went to the top of her list. A high school senior, she was excited to be offered early acceptance to the class of 2018.

– Laura Moyer

bittersweet. The four remained devoted friends, grateful for the unique Mary Washington experience that led to such strong bonds. Dabney and Janice were housemates during their first year teaching in Hampton Roads public schools. After Dabney married in 1964, Janice taught three years in Chatham Hall in Virginia, a year in Switzerland, and in NYC private schools until the end of her teaching career. Janice and Wendy, who became an esteemed curator of prints at the New York Historical Society, shared an NYC apartment for 38 years, until Wendy's death in 2007. With Wendy's help, Janice established the Coleman Family Farm Scholarship (CFFS) at UMW to provide motivation and encouragement for girls from remote agricultural areas gifted in STEM subjects. To boost the scholarship, Janice acquired a conservation easement to protect in perpetuity her family's farm in Campbell County, Va., from non-agricultural development and was in the process of donating it to Mary Washington to sell. She also has included CFFS at UMW in her will for further funding. Janice is partially responsible for executing Wendy's bequests to UMW's art history and English departments, so she goes to Fredericksburg as often as possible for activities related to both.

Diane Lovewell Melton, Lois Smith, Kitty Shannon, and Bev Sangston have kept in touch since the reunion. Diane was preparing to manage her annual convention of physicists and engineers in Denver. Imagine 1,700 of them from around the world, meeting night and day to listen to technical papers and you get the idea of how glamorous her career is. Diane saw **Norma McNair** in summer, as one of her sons lives nearby, and they plan to get together whenever she comes to visit him.

Gloria Moskowitz Fischel is semi-retired but still runs a travel business. She volunteers for community events, including the Art, Books, and Culture Festival, and cooks for the food bank. She decided to put her MWC bachelor's degree

in psychology back to use and entered a training program to become a crisis counselor for the mentally disturbed. She can frequently be found cheering at her grandchildren's football and baseball games and cross country meets. She was excited about her 13-year-old grandson's upcoming bar mitzvah and her 11-year-old granddaughter's December performance with the Moscow Ballet's *Nutcracker*.

Susan Rutan Joehnk went to law school in her 40s and wrote criminal appellant appeals for the state of California. She and her family have lived in La Jolla almost since just after she, **Cathy Foster**, and **Betsy Lydle Smith**, fresh out of MWC, lived together at Mission Beach and taught school in San Diego.

After our reunion, **Lois Smith McDaniel** of Jacksonville, Fla., invited **Betsy Loving Robbins**, who still has a flag company, and George to spend a couple days with them in the Orlando area. They are chefs extraordinaire. The husbands had a lot in common.

Carol Van Ness Clapp and her husband returned to Naples, Fla., in fall and planned to get together with **Eileen Hildebrand Andrews** and squeeze in a few rounds of winter golf. The

interning at Arena Stage, where she met her first husband, a playwright and actor. Eventually they moved to NYC, where Karen lived for 40 years and was a Montessori school teacher and principal (after studying in Italy), an editor and journalist for interior design and architecture publications, and owner of a design industry public relations firm. She moved with second husband Marty to Weston, Conn., eight years ago, and semi-retired almost two years ago. She's studying Italian and contemplating a writing project. Recently she was in touch with former suitemate **Carol Paige Phillips Spruill**, who lives outside Richmond, had a recent knee replacement, and planned to have a second one.

Pete and I (Betsy) moved to Bainbridge Island, Wash., (a 35-minute ferry ride from Seattle) in June and love the quiet, beauty, interesting people, and lack of traffic of island living. I still work part time, mostly facilitating personal growth webinars with my business partner in Manitoba. Modern communication is amazing! We've had participants from New Zealand, Laos, Costa

Rica, Australia, South Africa, Israel, and more. We had a recent small dinner party with new friends. Of five people, three went to college in Virginia. Small world!

Thanks to everyone who sent news. We look forward to hearing from more classmates for the next newsletter. Email Linkey or me with your news! I'd rather be a devil than a goat!

1964

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Good wishes to all in the Class of '64. There were several emails

with reports of family, travels, work, home, visits with classmates, and health on the mend. **Connie Marsh Pollard** and former roommate **Martha Hanks Cooper** got together at Martha's Richmond home in August. They prepared a birthday dinner for **Martha Wangler Ryan '65** and husband Chris. Martha visited the Pollards in

Lou Davis Smith '64 of Fairfax, Va., and her husband have visited all 50 states, 49 countries, and every continent except Antarctica.

Boston in September, and they "almost walked her off her feet" sightseeing. Rough seas canceled their whale-watching expedition. Connie has been trying to contact **Ann Everett** and keeps in touch with **Suzanne Mason Haff '65**, **Mary Fitch Harahan '65**, and **Anne Plummer Linn '65**.

In June, **Carolyn Hawker Ginsberg** welcomed grandbaby Alice, who joined cousin Emily, 17 months. Carolyn's daughters, Sarah and Laura, live close by. Carolyn still works at the University of Connecticut, Stamford, and participates in silent retreats in the Theravada Buddhist tradition in Barre, Mass., and NYC. An accomplished artist and art historian, she engages with her surroundings through drawing.

Ruth Pharr Sayer's path and mine keep crossing because of our engagement with Convent of the Sacred Heart schools, her in Princeton, N.J., and NYC, and me in Greenwich, Conn. Ruth's daughter, Lorena, was honored at Sacred Heart, Princeton's recent 50th anniversary celebration as one of four graduates whose lives embody the goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart education. Ruth and I recommend a new book, *Mastering the Art of French Eating* by Ann Mah.

I have 27 years of service to Convent of the Sacred Heart schools and in September was named an honorary alumna



at the Sacred Heart school in Greenwich. In July, I conducted a tour of Paris with colleagues, visiting the places where Sacred Heart schools were founded. The building that's now the Rodin Museum belonged to our religious order from 1819 to 1905 and was our first boarding school in Paris. I run an adult education cultural program at Sacred Heart in Greenwich. This fall we presented sessions on the art of Gustav Klimt, Monet and his garden at Giverny (the water lily paintings), and 18th-century French and Italian "outdoor" painting. Our class took a field trip to the Neue Galerie in NYC to see works by Klimt and Kandinsky.

Barbara Kellam Latham and husband moved from Wilmington, Del., and built a one-story house in Cape Charles, Va., where Barbara grew up and where her older daughter's and sister's families live. Their younger daughter lives in London but visits the U.S. often on business. **Patti Jones Schacht** planned a trip to Northern Ireland but

health intervened and she ended up in a hospital instead. She's fine now. Her interests include genealogy, travel, and community outreach work.

Sandra Eastridge Plummer sent *Class Notes* news for the first time. She and husband Tom love to travel and have son Tom Jr. After 32 years teaching fourth and fifth grades, she at last has granddaughter Darcy. Sandra keeps in touch with **Jean Chewning Rayman**, with whom she sat up many a night preparing for UMW Professor Emeritus of English Reginald W. Whidden's tests on Shakespeare, **Nancy Hewetson Cooke**, **Patricia Paytes**, and **Jo-Anne Christian Serio**, who she saw at their 50th high school reunion.

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson is excited for our 50th reunion in May! Her oncologist visits are scheduled every six months, down from every three. She traveled to Colombia last February, visiting Bogota, Medellin, and Cartagena. Susan said her MWC Spanish classes came in handy.

Lou Davis Smith of Fairfax, Va., and husband David have a son, a daughter, and six grandchildren, and they all spend time at their Lake Anna cottage. Lou and David got hooked on sightseeing when they were stationed in Europe for four years. They've visited every continent except Antarctica, 49 countries, and all 50 states. They traveled to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in November 2012, and cruised the Elbe River in Germany and visited Dresden last July.

Lou said **Jackie Williams Towler** and her husband moved to Allentown, Pa., to be closer to son John. **Sharon Belknap Brown** lives in Leonardtown, Md., **Jean Fornes Wendt** is in Midlothian, Va., and **Clara Forlines Conner** is in Greensboro, N.C.

Professional actress, singer, and spokeswoman **Ilona Dulaski-Williams** has worked in theater since graduating from Mary Washington. She played Dorothea in *Eleemosynary* by Lee Blessing at the Compass Rose Theater in Annapolis, Md., last May and recently played Susan in a staged reading of *Dire Wolves* by Kristen LePine, UMW adjunct instructor of theatre and dance, at Spooky Action Theater in Washington, D.C. She also does voiceovers and commercials for political notices in Virginia and Maryland. Her Cantanti Ensemble trio performs opera at retirement homes, festivals, and restaurants. Ilona was elected a delegate to the newly merged union of SAG-AFTRA in Los Angeles in September.

My former freshman roommate, **Sally Crenshaw Witt**, and I continue our extensive correspondence, which by now must rival that of the great 18th-century letter writers whose lengthy correspondence filled volumes.

That's it for now, folks. It's great hearing from all of you. You may think nothing's new and life is

Ophelia Baker Crowley '65 and **Sonja "Toni" Algren Schuyler '65** visited **Missy Bush Shives '65** in Salisbury, N.C., and took Salisbury's tour of historic homes, one of which belonged to **Anne Rasmussen Lyles '63**.

humdrum, but to the rest of us, it's all news. I hope to see you at the reunion in late May. In the meantime, keep happy, safe, and well.

1965

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My mailing list has severely shrunk since many of you retired and changed addresses without letting me know. Please update your address so I can correspond with you and keep you up to date on news!

As I wrote this, Thanksgiving was right around the corner and most of us had turned 70 or soon would. When did we get so old? My two children tried to soften the blow by taking me on a wine-tasting getaway in Paso Robles, Calif. Both families planned to be with me for Thanksgiving, then my son and his family were headed to Oberammergau, Germany, for three years, while he teaches at the NATO School. I planned to join them for Christmas.

Sue Wooldridge Rosser, **Carolyn Shockey Moore**, and **Linda Cline Holden** got together in October to celebrate their 70th birthdays.

Ophelia Baker Crowley of Richmond and **Sonja "Toni" Algren Schuyler** of Jericho, Vt., visited **Missy Bush Shives** at her Salisbury, N.C., home in October. They reminisced, caught up on each other's lives since their last rendezvous at our 45th class reunion in 2010, visited the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, and took in Salisbury's 38th annual October Tour of Historic Homes. One of the homes on tour belonged to **Anne Rasmussen Lyles '63**,

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whose family renovated an 1892 Italianate-Victorian house. In 25 years, they've restored nine historic properties and helped revitalize an important old-er neighborhood in Salisbury.

Last year **Penny Partridge Booth** took a 10-day tour of three Canadian provinces, visiting the Bay of Fundy. When her daughter unexpectedly lost her nanny, Penny spent part of spring in the Boston area, becoming the new nanny and soccer grandma. She also went to Indianapolis and returned to Boston in November for a

Cheryl Tate Duke '67 publishes access information for Virginia and maintains a disability travel Web portal.

family event. Penny planned a 10-day river cruise between Paris and Prague with her sister in May. She quilts, takes long walks, and does water aerobics.

After living in her childhood home for years, **Lee Smith Musgrave** moved to Blacksburg, Va., to be near one of her daughters. **Margaret Cobourn John** drove to Monument, Colo., for a September reunion of the 46th Army Engineer Battalion, but Kenny didn't find anyone he knew from Vietnam. Going and coming, they toured nine state Capitol buildings, including ones in Nashville, Springfield, Des Moines, Cheyenne, Denver, and Topeka. They've seen 25 since 2011. The others are on Kenny's bucket list, and Margaret agreed because they'll have to go to Alaska and Hawaii again, darn it!

Louise Stevens Robbins helped conduct a workshop in Kaili, Guizhou Province, China, in July; visited family and friends in Virginia in August; and took a food, music, and art tour to Italy in September. She co-edited *Libraries and the Reading Public in Twentieth-Century America*, published by University of Wisconsin Press last summer. **Alice Funkhouser Flowers'** husband, George, retired from

teaching but was called back to teach four summer courses in engineering. Alice still works year round on publications, archiving, and public relations for St. Christopher's School. They took a three-week trip in March to celebrate their 70th birthdays, visiting Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand. Their five grandchildren live in North Carolina and Maryland.

UMW dedicated a lecture hall in honor of civil rights leader James L. Farmer Jr., during a November ceremony. Georgia State Sen. **Nan Grogan Orrrock** delivered the keynote address. Nan has served in the Georgia state legislature since 1987, including service as House majority whip and committee chair.

Her engagement with public policy dates back to her college days, when she participated in the 1963 March on Washington. See the cover story about Nan on page 14.

1966

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Barbara Bishop Mann heard from **Barbara Ann Enders Hughes** in response to her notice of UMW Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy George Van Sant's death. Barbara Ann, a philosophy major, took several of his classes. A friend forwarded Barbara Ann's article about business cards, published in *The Post and Courier*, to Bobbi. Barbara Ann and husband Luther of Charleston, S.C., spent most of the past year fostering cocker spaniels. After being nursed back to health, two of their charges were adopted by "forever" homes. Barbara Ann and Luther fell in love with the third, Buckley, and adopted him themselves.

Kitty Downs Gregg's son, Chris, works for the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. Kitty said it's interesting that Chris lives at River House in Arlington, in the same building

on the same floor where Kitty lived after graduation. Chris' view of the city is better than the one Kitty had of the parking lot.

After 41 years in the same house in Purcellville, Va., where she operated her flower farm for years, **Roberta James East** moved to Southport, N.C.

Pam Kearney Patrick and husband TaB temporarily relocated to Cape May, N.J., in October, while the hardwood floors in their Alexandria, Va., home were sanded and refinished, and rushed to get everything back in order by Thanksgiving for their big family gathering. Pam reconnected with Jim and **Pam Ward Hughes** during their visit from Virginia's Northern Neck. Pam and Jim stay with the Patricks when they have errands in their old neighborhood. **Carol Bingley Wiley** and husband Pete were considering visiting in winter. TaB planned to retire by then, so all six of them could spend time together. Pam, a watercolor artist, was accepted in exhibits in Boulder, Colo.; Rehoboth, Del.; and the Strathmore in Bethesda, Md. She was awarded the Potomac Valley Watercolor Society prize for best in show in August at the Alexandria Art League Gallery.

Elaine Gerlach McKelly and husband Tim of Oxford, N.C., are retired. Their four children and seven grandchildren are nearby. Elaine volunteers extensively with Girl Scouts, working with ages 5 to 14. Elaine and Tim joined a College of William and Mary Alumni Association tour and traveled in September for 10 days through Switzerland, France, Germany, and Holland. They saw the Matterhorn, traveled up Mount Pilatus, and visited Rhine River wineries, cathedrals, and castles. In March, they planned to participate in an educational exchange program that would enable them to travel to Cuba. Although Elaine graduated from William and Mary, she loves reading *Class Notes* and sends regards to everyone.

Catherine Cantwell Luria had a busy summer of traveling, dance, and music camps. She and her husband traveled to Orcas Island with daughter Sasha, her wife, and three grandchildren. Sasha and her partner celebrated their 10th anniversary by being legally wed in Washington state with their three children. After a conference in Utah, Cathe took a two-week vacation in Michigan. While there, she learned her mammogram showed a very small lump and was diagnosed with breast cancer. She spent the rest of summer working medical treatments in with vacation plans. For six weeks, she drove two hours to Seattle for daily radiation therapy and was happy with the technology at the women's cancer center there. Cathe managed to attend the August adult music camp Midsummer Musical Retreat at Whitman College, with participants from all over the U.S. and even from Scotland. She sang in a choir of more than 100 and heard three orchestras and a concert band. Dr. Luria and Cathe, 2012 AANP Nurse Practitioner Hero, closed their family practice after 35 years and started a business introducing medical professionals to technology that enables measuring the body's antioxidant levels transdermally.

Joan Cuccias Patton took a 30-day trek in August and September around the coast of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Northern England with **Linda Glynn Hutchison**,

Charlotte Gregg Morgan '67 is writer-in-residence each year at the Nimrod Hall Summer Arts Program in Bath County, Va.

Pat Lewars Pace, and a neighbor. Linda organized the itinerary, lodging, and tours. The foursome traveled by air, train, and bus, and with professional drivers. Joan traveled with friends in October to Black Mountain near Asheville, N.C., seeing waterfalls, gorgeous scenery, and the Biltmore Estate. She



took a November cruise with her brother and sister-in-law around Turkey and the Greek Isles. At home, Joan returned to tutoring and substitute teaching to “support her new hobby.” She visited **Lee Enos Kelley** in December and attended a live theater production in Washington, D.C. **Kathleen Goddard Moss** and husband Tom took their annual trip to Spain to visit daughter Ellen and family. Their 12-year-

keeping busy with family, tutoring five high school students in five different math courses, bowling in two senior leagues, and serving on the vestry of her small, historic church. She chaired the annual fundraiser gala and auction in November and helped organize a retirement dinner for their minister, who was retiring after nearly 20 years at St. John’s. Katharine and Hank had an early Thanksgiving with British friends

returning to England for the holidays, followed by two family Thanksgiving celebrations. They’re still active with the Pentagon Sailing Club: Hank with racing sailing and motor maintenance, Katharine with meetings and social events.

Bev Holt '69 is training to be a North Carolina Museum of History docent, returning to her history-major roots after retiring from sales and marketing.

old granddaughter flew alone from Spain to spend three weeks with them before her parents came to visit in August. Kathy treated her to several days in Manhattan. The Mosses visited their son and family in California, seeing the rest of their six grandchildren, ages 9 months to 16 years. Kathy’s twin, **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, expected her 11th grandchild, her 10th grandson, in December. Eileen spent several weeks helping her mother-in-law, who is 90 and recently widowed, manage her large house in Syracuse, N.Y. They planned for her to spend the holidays in Virginia. Nearly a year after their passing, Kathy and Eileen’s parents’ funeral took place in September at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony was worth the wait, especially since many out-of-town family members were able to convene.

Susan Roth Nurin saw *Waiting for Godot* in Yiddish, got tickets for Billy Crystal, attended a Greek synagogue, took in several “off off” Broadway shows at discounted rates, and took free escorted walking tours all over NYC. Susan is considering joining a Romanesque-style Jewish synagogue built in 1842, the religious home for 1500 Reform Jewish families, located on Manhattan’s Upper West Side.

Katharine Rogers Lavery was a homebody in fall and winter,

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Marion Briechle Yonce and John of Virginia have been married 43 years and have three sons and two granddaughters. He is a retired chemical engineer specializing in submarine design. Marion still does occasional consulting work with drug development and regulatory submissions.

Ann Boatright Bonadio lives outside Rochester, N.Y., and has two children and three grandsons who live in the area. In fall 2012, she lost her homebuilder husband of 43 years, who she met while at MWC. Ann retired from teaching math at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. She babysits grandchildren, volunteers at her church, and tutors a little boy with sickle cell anemia. Her 93-year-old father recently visited from Georgia.

Cheryl Tate Duke and her husband live in the Fredericksburg area. Their daughter was married in October. Because their 42-year-old son has had Duchenne muscular dystrophy since birth and depended on a ventilator for about 22 years, Cheryl is heavily involved with disability rights advocacy

and is president of W.C. Duke Associates Inc., a consulting company on the human side of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Since 1988, she has published access information for Virginia and maintained a disability travel Web portal for the nonprofit The Opening Door Inc. Hobbies include website development, genealogy, and family history.

Mary Mac Blanchard Harris’ husband, Craig, has been retired three years. She retired last year after 25 years working an annual stint for a delegate at the General Assembly during the legislative session. The Harrises garden and play golf. They moved in 2004 to an “empty nester” house in Richmond with a large yard. Mary Mac is in a woman’s club and a book club. This past year, their travels revolved around children and grandchildren, including trips to Figure Eight Island and Yellowstone in Montana. Son Sam lives in Crozet with his wife and three children. Daughter Kelly lives in Austin, Texas. She and her husband expected their first child in March. Mary Mac sees **Mary Lou Murphey Lee** often, now that she lives in Richmond, and **Helen Callaham Hutter**, when she visits her children in Richmond.

Laurie DiPadova-Stocks’ husband, Hugh, turned 75 in

Regina Sneed '69 is a docent for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

December 2012. They celebrated last summer at his favorite national park, Sequoia. The children arranged the gathering and five of the six were there, along with 12 of the 16 grandchildren. One absent grandchild is the mother of Laurie and Hugh’s great-grandbaby, so they visited them on the way to and from the event.

Patsy Monahan Holden retired from school counseling in 2005, worked as a full-time therapist at a local psychiatric hospital, retired in 2012, and maintains her private psychotherapy practice,

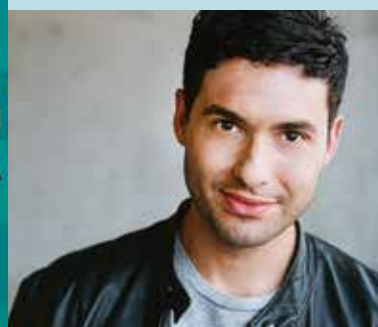
working a couple days a week. She’s involved with church, does water aerobics, walks, reads, gardens, entertains, and plays cards with friends. Patsy and her husband, who retired in 2004, have been in Houston since 1979 and travel often to Austin to see their triplets and three grandchildren. They’ve also traveled to various parts of the world.

Sheri Gates Brindle and husband Paul left Florida in their RV in April 2013 and spent most of the summer in the desert Southwest. They spent the winter in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., along the Colorado River, just a day’s drive from their older son and his family in San Diego. Driving north, they visited friends in Fredericksburg and saw the campus, the first time Sheri had been back in years. Even with all the changes, she still thinks it’s the most beautiful campus they’ve ever visited. The Brindles have five grandchildren, ages 4 to 16. The three grandsons in San Diego are older. Their younger son, his wife, and their two granddaughters live near Ramstein Air Base in Germany. They see them once a year but hope they’ll be back in the U.S. soon.

Donna Lorange Porcaro of Alexandria, Va., visits her mother in Charleston every month or so and gets to San Francisco a couple times a year. They took a fall Baltic cruise and have seen some of Canada, Alaska by ferry, Europe, and Australia. They planned to get a dog. When she wrote, from her daughter’s house in San Francisco,

Donna was waiting for knee replacements.

Charlotte Gregg Morgan remembered how beautiful campus was in November in the ’60s, saying it seems like a blink ago in some ways. She writes, heads a small VAIS school, and owns an art gallery with husband John in Lynchburg. She’s writer-in-residence each year at the Nimrod Hall Summer Arts Program in Bath County, Va. Her second novel, *Protecting Elvis*, is available on Kindle.



"You get one pitter, and you're like, 'I killed! They loved it!'"

– Jay Montepare

Jeff Lorch

Besides doing stand-up, comedian Jay Montepare writes and performs on Will Ferrell's *FunnyOrDie.com*.

Laughter Worth the Price

Even as a Hollywood headliner who hit the big screen this year, comedian **Jay Montepare '00** likes to brag about something he pulled off as a child.

"Sometimes I would get my big brother laughing so hard he would literally pee the bed," said Montepare, who shared sleeping quarters with his sibling early on. "And that would make me happy – which was weird because then we would have to sleep in a pee bed. But it was worth it to me just to know that I could do that."

The brothers' late-night joke-fests led to an L.A. career for Montepare that's getting hotter every day. Known for his spontaneity and for pulling audience members into his acts, he said he's happiest on the stage, which he's shared with the likes of Drew Carey, Sarah Silverman, and Joe Rogan. But, Montepare said, making a living making folks laugh isn't always what it's cracked up to be.

"I got into comedy thinking I'd be around people all the time," he said. "It can be lonely. You travel all over

the country. You do your gig, get your check, go back to your hotel room, and watch *Everybody Loves Raymond* for the umpteenth time."

Montepare wasn't worried about any of that when he was growing up in Williamstown, Mass., making his brother laugh and getting inspired by comedians like Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, and Louie Anderson.

"I would watch stand-up comedy, and it was so special and so daunting. I felt like the people who did it were superhuman," said Montepare, who by fourth grade was doing stand-up in the classroom.

He brought his humor to college, where he majored in English and played baseball. With **Rob Wall '00** and **John Langan '00**, he won Mary Washington's first lip-sync contest, singing *The Devil Went Down to Georgia*. But when Montepare took a stab at stand-up at the Underground, some in the crowd mistook his message and walked out.

"Even though that happened, I still knew how it felt to get some laughs," he said. "That's the thing about comedians,

you get one pitter, and you're like, 'I killed! They loved it!'"

He bumped up his act and took it to Richmond; to Boston, where he hosted *The Tribe Presents* comedy show; and finally to L.A., where he lives with his wife, actress and writer Elizabeth Chomko.

A regular at Hollywood hotspots like the Improv and The Comedy Store, Montepare has performed in commercials, on TV, and in movies; at colleges, including his alma mater; and for the troops in Japan. He writes sketches for Will Ferrell's *FunnyOrDie.com*, and has an hourlong CD called *The Sound That Jokes Make* and a part in the recent comedy feature film *Walk of Shame*, with Elizabeth Banks and Kevin Nealon.

"There is nothing I'd rather do in this world," Montepare said of his work as a comedian. "It's hard to explain. You're onstage and you can feel the energy of the crowd filling you up with power. It's a feeling I've only felt when I was doing stand-up."

– Lisa Chinn '92



Her youngest was to marry this year. Charlotte is still glad she's a devil, not a goat!

Eleanor Frith Peters and husband Mike were blessed in 2013 with grandson Charlie, born to their son, Michael, and daughter-in-law Christy, who live in D.C. Brother Max was 20 months old when Charlie arrived. Michael, an Army colonel, and Christy, a Foreign Service officer, are co-located in the U.S. The other three grandchildren, Jack, 14, Michael, 12, and Wylie (their only granddaughter), 10, still live in Greenville, S.C., where daughter Becca works for Neighborhood Focus and son-in-law Patrick Jopling is a dentist. The Peterses planned to take Wylie on a

Nina Shepherd '69 went to Seattle to see a production of Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, 14 hours of opera over four nights.

"double digits" trip to NYC, a family tradition to celebrate turning 10. They took a barge cruise in the Champagne district of France last year during the week of the Champagne grape harvest, witnessing all aspects of production and sampling the finished product. Mike is president of St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M., and Eleanor keeps her hands in the mud at the college pottery. They get back to the D.C. area often to check in with family and on college business. All the children and grands came for Christmas 2012, and Max took his first steps there! They expect to gather everyone again in Montreat, N.C., this Fourth of July.

Nancy McDonald Legat and husband Dan of Lexington, S.C., are retired. They have three daughters, three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson, and they're thankful they're all fairly close by. Nancy writes, gardens, and spends time with her husband.

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I hope you all plan to attend our 45th reunion, May 30 through June 1. It's always fun to reconnect with classmates. Our class is in a tight race for the Eagle trophy, based on a combination of the percentage of class participation in giving and the total monetary amount. Be as generous as possible in remembering your alma mater so we can win the Eagle trophy!

Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness is in California's San Francisco Bay area, after living in England for 10 years. Twin daughters Kristin and Carolyn live near her with their families, including three grandchildren and one on the way. Son Jeff lives in Maryland with

his wife and daughter. Suzanne visited them last spring and saw **Maureen Murphy McCart '68**. Others from the Class of '68, Suzanne's roommates and suitemates, have visited her in the Bay area.

Suzanne said **Liz Rampe Edmonds** is a Realtor in a Sacramento suburb, specializing in the Craftsman and Victorian homes of historic neighborhoods. Liz and her husband toured Vietnam last November. They have three sons.

Suzanne lives near **Phyllis Newby Thompson and Iris Harrell**, and the three get together as often as possible. Iris planned to retire from her company, Harrell Remodeling, now almost totally employee owned, in June and remain chair of the board, after more than 30 years as a general contractor. Iris looked forward to more golf, new adventures, and rest.

Regina Sneed has lived in San Francisco since just after graduation. She spent her career as a lawyer, most recently with the U.S. Department of Education, and retired a few years ago. She's

a member of and regularly takes classes at the University of San Francisco's Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning, and she's a docent for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Barbara Macon Sacha of Winter Park, Fla., retired from Paychex. She and husband Tom can travel more and spend time with sons Taylor, who lives close by with his wife and daughter, and Brent, who lives in Dallas with his wife and two sons. **Catharine Rossi Manner** and husband Jerry operate Cypress Creek B&B in Comfort, Texas. Catharine decorated the rooms with antiques she brought from Virginia.

Jane Jackson Woerner of Florida travels periodically to Bristol, Va., to care for her mother, who is 91 and in assisted living. Jane traveled last fall to Virginia's Tidewater/Northern Neck area, spending several days with **Jean Polk Hanky** and husband Jack. They rode on the Rappahannock River and visited the Rappahannock Oyster Co., where Jean and Jack's grandson is director. **Connie Hinson** lives in Warsaw, Va., where she grew up, and works part time at the Tides Inn in Irvington, where Jane had lunch and caught up with her. Jane said **Connie Cline Bukzin** and husband Mitch traveled to Germany last fall. They babysit their two grandsons who live nearby. Jane also said **Brenda Hunt Smith** married Jon Spitler in Manassas in April 2013. Brenda's first husband, Fred, passed away in 2006, and Brenda moved from Christiansburg to Manassas to care for her mother, who passed away in February 2012 at 95.

Ann Ruff Smith and husband Tom of Fredericksburg took a 10-day New England cruise from Quebec City to NYC with **Nancy Gleason** and husband Gary of Richmond, and **Cathy Allen Hughes** and husband Michael of Round Hill. Ann, Nancy, and Cathy try to get together for a meal at least once a year. They and their husbands planned to join **Nancy Andrews** and Jay of Vermont, and **Kitty Culhane Rogers** and John of Burke, Va.,

for a trip to Virgin Gorda. The girls went there without their guys five years ago and had a ball. Now that most of the group is retired, they hope to travel more together.

Jeanine Zavrel Fearns still works but travels as much as possible. She planned to visit Alaska in June, travel to Anchorage, board a train to Denali National Park, return to Seward, and board a ship for a weeklong cruise. **Nina Shepherd** and her husband went to Seattle last August to see a production of Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, 14 hours of opera over four nights. **Donna Cannon Julian** and husband Gene took a Mediterranean cruise on a small passenger ship with eight friends last August, visiting several islands and flying home from Malta.

Karen Kilgore Ralston and husband Jim visited Portugal for the first time since 1980 last September with friends on Jim's yearly bike trip. Karen was featured in the last issue of *UMW Magazine*, telling of her work designing hats for Playhouse on the Square and affiliated theaters in Memphis and with vintage clothing at the Woodruff-Fontaine House. She presented to a sold-out crowd at another

Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright '71 spent a month in Italy and taught a course in Venice.

Memphis museum on Victorian underwear and was asked to give the same presentation at the Embroiderers' Guild regional seminar in June 2015. Karen's daughter, Emily, received a Ph.D. in ocean engineering last May.

Nancy Yeager Allard and husband Paul took a cruise on Portugal's Douro River last year. They stay closer to home now that they care for Paul's 96-year-old mother, who lives with them. Nancy is co-president of her library friends group and active in efforts to strengthen Fairfax County libraries despite continuing budget cuts. **Marianne DeBlois Zentz** went to Italy last

summer with daughter Lauren, a University of Houston professor of linguistics who had a conference in Venice. They traveled to Verona and to Cesiomaggiore in the Dolomites. Son David is an independent photographer at Best Coast Photo in Venice, Calif.

Bonnie Page Hoopengardner

and husband Roger of Williamsburg have three children and six grandchildren. They took a five-day Road Scholar trip last October to Jekyll Island, Ga. They've taken adult education classes through the College of William and Mary. Bonnie does Pilates and Zumba. She plays more bridge since retiring but said her golf had not improved.

Barbara Burt Bowman's granddaughter is a high school junior looking at colleges and wants to visit UMW after hearing Barbara's stories of the school for years. **Linda Gattis Shull** had a retirement party for husband Graeme last October, and **Christie Wineholt, Barbara Burton Micou**, and husband Chip helped. Linda and Barbara spent a weekend in Nags Head, N.C., last fall with **Linda Holt Armstrong '70** and **Conde Palmore Hopkins '70** at Conde's oceanfront condo.

Bev Holt of Cary, N.C., is retired and training to be a North Carolina Museum of History docent, returning to her history-major roots after a sales and marketing career. She traveled in the British Virgin Islands aboard the trimaran Cuan Law.

One more plug for our 45th reunion. Please come. I promise you will have a wonderful time!

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Last October we traveled to Arlington, Va., where my parents' cremains were inurned in a moving ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. It was

wonderful to honor my parents with my siblings, their families, and many of our cousins. Ted and I live in Soleil, a Canton, Ga., 55-plus community north of Atlanta. We planned to move to our new home in December and

A celebration of the life of longtime Campus Christian Community director Loreeda Jones "Jonesy" Niemann was held in Fredericksburg in October.

unpack all the boxes that sat in our rental home for months.

Ellen Grace Jaroneczyk visited son Forrest and family last August in Seattle and saw Mount Rainier National Park. Her sisters and other son, Morgan, visit her regularly.

Kirsten Mackey Fleisher and suitemates **Tanya Belt Nickson '69, Anne Howell Wood, Cheryl Ulmer Nashel '69, Jan Desmond Melluzzo '69, and Doralece Lipoli Dullaghan** had a summer mini-reunion in Newtown, Pa., toured Philadelphia, saw a demonstration by French chef Jean Pierre Tardy, and reminisced about college days.

Please send news. I would love to hear from more of you.

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When we read this, spring will be on the horizon. Many of you said not much changed in past months, but any news lets us connect. Send additional email addresses so we can stay in touch, through **Mary Anne Burns'** class Facebook page and my column alias.

Liz Keith, Barb Exline Staller, and I – suite/roommates for most of our MWC years, though Barbara left for Ursinus College after sophomore year – had our second annual lunch while

Liz was on the East Coast in November and caught up with gossip and pictures.

Mary Jane Chandler Miller and husband Fred celebrated their 41st anniversary in February.

They plan to work another few years so they can comfortably retire. Their granddaughter is 3½, and Mary Jane was expecting another granddaughter.

After 42 years teaching, **Beth Fleming Skidmore** planned to retire at the end of the school year. Her two unmarried sons are happy and healthy. Oldest Alex interviewed for an interventional radiology residency program and was to learn in March if he'd made a match with a hospital and program.

Susan Brown Lohin is in close touch with **Wendy Dickerson**

Dale Cole Carter '73, a licensed Indiana health facility administrator, founded Transition Aging Parents, wrote a book, and has a radio program.

Smith. Her youngest child and only daughter, Amanda, 32, graduated from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in the Caribbean in June 2012. She was interning in animal medicine for a year at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Massachusetts and living at home.

Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright still works but was able to spend a month with Rich in Italy, teaching a course in Venice. Rich loves the Chesapeake and his boat. Their younger daughter and her fiancé were to finish grad school at U.Va. in May and marry in June. Their older daughter received an MBA in May 2013. **Mary Weaver Mann's** son, Geoff, and Becky had their fourth child, second girl, Virginia "Ginna" Ruth, named after Mary's mother, who's 103. Daughter Emily

and Steve expected their fourth child, third girl, around Jim's March birthday. Mary is still with **Betty Barnhardt Hume** at the Fredericksburg library, where she's worked 27 years.

Mary Anne Burns' mother, 95, passed away in January 2013. Mary Anne said mothers deserve to be honored for raising us. Her mother was her best friend and highest ideal in ethics, using one's gifts, the purpose of intelligence, and kindness. Her mother dressed for the day and, shortly after Mary Anne's brother arrived, took her last breath. Mary Anne spent time with her in November 2012 and will always cherish that last visit. She's still with the Library of Congress, does yoga, travels, and meets friends like **Kathi O'Neill, Kathy "Ernie" Marilla Kent, Jane Touzalin**, and **Philo Funk**. Mary Anne planned a Caribbean cruise honoring Edie Windsor and Maya Angelou.

Thanks to all who send notes, cards, and the occasional letter. Our 45th reunion is just two years away! Start planning now, and let's surpass the great numbers at the 40th.

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Hello, one and all. My apologies for the lapse in news. It seems we all stay too busy.

I saw **Gale Mattox** and **Kathy Deneke Clatanoff** at an October UMW cocktail party in Annapolis, Md. Gale planned a trip to Germany and is in touch with **Debbie Gill, Susan Hanson Roberts**, and **Eileen Reynolds**

Let us hear from you!

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NOVEMBER 15	SPRING
MARCH 15	SUMMER



Cantoni. Kathy and husband Bud downsized from a house in Alexandria, Va., to a condo in downtown Annapolis, where they can walk almost everywhere and sometimes go weeks without driving. One grown child lives in Italy, the other in Arkansas, and

Eric's company sent him on assignment. They were to be closer to home after the first of the year.

Dennis and I planned to spend part of Thanksgiving weekend at their farm and part of it, as well as Christmas, with my mother, 91, who still drives, gardens, and lives independently. We keep busy with cultural activities in Baltimore. My law firm position remains hectic but satisfying. We vacationed in Portland, Maine, and Boston in June and spent a weekend in Carlisle, Pa., seeing foliage and

the Army Heritage Museum.

Would love to hear from more of you, so don't hesitate to write. I hope you had a happy holiday season and a terrific beginning to 2014.

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We spent a week with family at Corolla in North Carolina's Outer Banks, walking on the beach and eating crabs, and saw magnificent fall colors in the Smoky Mountains. Rod and I have a 3-year-old grandson and expected a new grandchild in April.

Those active in the Campus Christian Community remember director Loreeda Jones "Jonesy" Niemann. She passed away in September, and a celebration of her life was held in Fredericksburg in October.

Janet Hedrick continues her job search and recently learned the pastor of her church, Franconia United Methodist, is **Catharine Tidball Guest '72**. Catharine, or Cathy, as we Jefferson basement residents remember her, has four grown children and was finishing course work on her doctorate of ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Sharon Richmond Janis closed the doors of The Delaware Inn in October. **Kaye Carrithers** continues her Spanish class. **Virginia Davey Addison** looks forward to retirement and babysits her two granddaughters and granddog. **Deb Reynolds Linder** welcomed granddaughter Arabella Grace in August and traveled with Bruce to England to see her.

Patricia Stewart had fun seeing those at our 40th reunion. Now that life has quieted a bit she hopes to make more of these events and participate in the local alumni chapter. A semi-retired physical therapist, she has lived in Richmond's Fan/Museum District since 2006, after living in Tidewater since 1974. She and husband Bob Traub live in a house built in 1914 and can walk to restaurants, shops, and museums. Her two sons moved from California to Virginia. Patricia swims, bikes, and participates in community activities. She's active with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the country's largest grassroots mental health organization, and recently trained to teach its Family-to-Family educational program, a 12-week course for families of those with severe mental illnesses.

Dale Cole Carter has a new grandson, earned an Indiana health facility administrator license, and will provide leadership in a long-term care community. Dale founded Transition Aging Parents, wrote a book, and has a radio program.

Susan Regan's September Mediterranean cruise left from Barcelona and stopped in Marseilles, Monaco, Pisa, Rome, Naples, and Sicily. Susan lunched recently with **Debbe Heiman-Hughes** and **Ruth Siko**; they try to get together a couple times a year.

As always, thanks to everyone who shared news. Please continue; without you, there will be no entry for the Class of '73.

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Natalie Whitcomb received the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies' 2013 Outstanding Educator Award, presented to college/university educators, for her contributions to geoscience education in the Gulf Coast area. She was nominated for the award by the Southeastern Geological Society, of which she is a member. Natalie teaches at Polk State College in Winter Haven, Fla. She was honored as an exceptional teacher and enthusiastic and innovative educator whose work has brought schools and community leaders together to promote knowledge and application of geosciences.

Helen Thornton Branch '76 counsels and advocates for domestic violence victims, and does education and prevention programs at a jail.

My husband, Gene, and I have lived in North Carolina's Sandhills area for more than a year. We bought a home in Pinehurst, unofficially known as the country's golf capital. I still work part time with Weight Watchers; do yoga, Pilates, and Zumba; sing in the church choir; and read novels when I can. Like many of you, I celebrated the big 6-0 this year. How did that happen? My apologies for not sending the yearly postcard last year. I promise to get back on track this year. I look forward to seeing many of you at our 40th reunion in 2015. It'll be here faster than you know. Keep the news coming!

Natalie Whitcomb '75 teaches at Polk State College in Winter Haven, Fla., and received the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies' 2013 Outstanding Educator Award for her contributions to geoscience education in the Gulf Coast area.

Kathy and Bud try to visit at least once a year. It'll be fun having them in Baltimore when they get a chance to visit.

Many girls from the third-floor front of Virginia Hall spent a November weekend in the Nelson County mountains. **Shirley Harris Sutton** hosted **Nancy Mahone Miller**, **Mary Saunders Williams**, **Terri Hall Alford**, and **Martha Stansell Vogel** in her mountain home near Roseland, Va. **Brenda Franklin**, **Anne Toms Richardson**, and **Iлона Kardos Tonelson**, visiting from her Wintergreen mountain retreat, also attended. They caught up with **Laurie Clark Crigler**, who many hadn't seen since graduation, in Charlottesville. Highlights included buying apples in Piney River and Gouda from nuns in Crozet. It's wonderful to hear about these lifelong friendships and annual traditions.

Dennis and I joined **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and husband Dave at a Fort Frederick Market Fair reenactment last April. The Childresses had reenactments all over the place this past year. Cheryl got requests from organizations for the custom buttons she made for historical costumes. Son Alex works for a Richmond radio station. The Childresses visited daughter Thea and husband Eric in Montreal, where



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1976

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Jeanne Hepburn St. Martin of Louisiana, a Mary Washington music and theater arts major, earned a master's degree in education from East Tennessee State University. She taught 20 years in Virginia and was recognized as an outstanding educator by the Governor's School of Virginia. She and husband Jack Cline moved to Louisiana, where he's in the petroleum industry. Son Richard is in university. Dog Fideaux, half Cajun, half Creole, loves to eat alligator. Jeanne's mother, **Jean Quillen St. Martin '48**, majored in chemistry and history and passed away in 2007. Sister **Jo-Marie St. Martin '82**, married to Robert Green, majored in math and physics, went to law school at the University of Tennessee, and is general counsel for Speaker of the House John Boehner.

Sue Sendlain Luscomb was appointed to the P.E.O. International STAR Scholarship project's board of trustees. She's been a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic organization seeking to motivate women to achieve their highest goals, for 22 years. Sue does community Bible study, served this year as small group discussion leader, and works part time in a home décor fabric store. She and psychologist husband Rich travel and spend time with daughters Alicia, married and working on a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, and Ashton, who works in e-commerce marketing for the Hunter Fan company and recently renovated her home.

Helen Taylor Salter teaches two autobiographical writing courses a semester at a Colorado university. She and **Alison Haworth Regan** do needlework and cook together. They planned to have Thanksgiving together at Red Cliffs Lodge near Moab, Utah, with their mothers. Helen said **Judy Clark Hays'** two children are in medical school. **Rebecca**

Reams still teaches choral music at SUNY Potsdam. **Lundy Baker Updike's** youngest son is a UMW freshman. **Patty Jo Anderson** is retired.

Sharon Reel Fuhrmeister is retired and recently went to Chicago with friend Michael to watch son Greg run the marathon. They planned to visit **Sue Smith Hane** and husband Tom in Raleigh, N.C.

Janice Gernhart Bogy and husband live in southwestern Montana. She still teaches harp but was focusing on the visual arts. One of her scratchboard pieces was selected for publication in *Strokes of Genius* 6, highlighting excellence in drawing.

Helen Thornton Branch moved to Peachtree City, Ga., near grandchildren CJ and Avery. She works part time as a domestic violence victim counselor and advocate, doing education and prevention programs in the local jail. She travels when she can and loves to read. Cat Miss Gertie and dog Baxter think she's privi-

Jo-Marie St. Martin '82 attended law school at the University of Tennessee and is general counsel for Speaker of the House John Boehner.

leged to live with them.

Sylvia Soutzos Pyle and husband Arnie traveled to Mammoth Lake, Calif., to fish and read. They escaped the San Diego heat with their children and grown grandchildren. Sylvia hoped to see news of classmates from '55 and '56, when she first enrolled at MWC.

Madelin Jones Barratt and husband Henry were preparing for daughter Ellen's November wedding. Younger daughter Anna was to begin the pastry arts program at L'Académie de Cuisine in Maryland in January.

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I hope everyone has our 35th reunion, May 30 to June 1, on their calendars. It'll be great to see everyone and the beautiful Mary Washington campus. **Gayle Weinberger Petro, Lisa Bratton Soltis, Bonnie Berry,** and I are helping coordinate for our class.

Sue Moore Davis is an intervention specialist at Leesville Road Elementary in Wake County, N.C. Husband Dan is still economic adviser to the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. They look forward to retirement so they can both be in North Carolina all week. Oldest daughter Rachel graduated early from UNC Chapel Hill and is a grad student in medieval history at the University of Edinburgh. Sue helped move her to Scotland and loved exploring her new home country with her. Youngest Hannah is a UNC Chapel Hill junior. Sue walks their two dogs and rides Hannah's horse.

I hope to hear more from you for the next *University of Mary Washington Magazine*.

1980

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Sandy Wise Conran's mother-in-law, 94, who has dementia and heart problems, lives with Sandy and husband Tom. Sandy's been on a leave of absence from work to care for her. What they thought would be a three- to six-month endeavor has turned into 19 months and counting.

Let us hear from you!

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Son Chuck is a sophomore studying civil engineering at Virginia Tech. Daughter Laurie is a freshman studying occupational therapy at Pennsylvania's Elizabethtown College. She's in a program that combines bachelor's and master's degree programs in a five-year track.

A group of us who lived together in Willard freshman year – **Katie Kulp Jones** of Roanoke, Va.; **Patty Churchill Shippee** of King George, Va.; **Elisa Devorshak Harvey** of Sandy Spring, Md.; **Bobbie Dwyer Leon** of Ellicott City, Md.; **Ellen Stanley Booth** of Arlington, Va.; **Nancy McEntyre Kenefick** of Springfield, Va.; **Colleen McCahill Turley** of Fredericksburg; and me, **Lori Foster Turley**, of San Diego – spent a September weekend in Cape Cod. We stayed at **Pam Clapp Hinkle's** Woods Hole, Mass., cottage and took the ferry to Martha's Vineyard for a day. **Karen Snyder Boff** of Marietta, Ga.; **Katrina Ray Landis** of Annapolis, Md.; and **Babette Thorpe** of Swan Valley, Idaho, were unable to join us.

Linda Goodwin Reviea '83 became Staunton, Va., superintendent of schools in summer 2012.

1982

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Although our reunion was almost two years ago, the conversations and reconnections still resonate with me. Please

mark our next reunion – the first weekend of June 2017 – on your calendars.

I hear about many of you through Facebook. **Jenifer Blair** is vice president for enrollment services at Richard Bland College and lives in Richmond. During her first days in Petersburg, she ran into college roommate **Andrea Jansen**, who works at nearby Fort Lee.

My roommate all four years at Mary Washington, **Debbie Snyder Barker**, stayed with me over the summer while attending a conference. Debbie recently lost her father. Her mother still lives in a nearby assisted living community. Oldest son Sam

works at a D.C. law firm. Middle child Chip is finishing an engineering degree at Virginia Tech. Daughter Leah attends

East Carolina and is a Delta Zeta. Debbie is teaching high school (a big change from second grade), thanks to her Mary Wash psychology degree and work in early childhood development. Husband John works at a different D.C. law firm. They didn't stay empty nesters long; they were hosting an Italian exchange student.

Debbie and I got together with **Jennifer Goodwin Donegan** of Norfolk, Va. Her husband retired from the Navy, and they were enjoying staying in one place for a change. Daughter Meredith still works at Operation Smile. Son Sean was scheduled to defend his dissertation at Carnegie Mellon University.

Vicki Haynes Morris was busy with her son's August wedding; her other son is pursuing a CPA degree. I caught up with **Annmarie Cozzi** this summer at her weekend home on the Jersey Shore and saw firsthand the rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy. **Wilheimina Long** and I caught up over lunch. Her children's book, *The Story of RAY the Buffalo*, was illustrated by Ron Miller, whom she met while at

Mary Washington. She also runs a consulting and graphic design firm and is founder of Youth Matter, based in Portsmouth, Va.

I had a busy year of work and travel. I took my niece Amanda, a college junior, to Italy for a week. This year I hope to take her sister, **Jordan Filchock '12**, to Paris. I must spoil them while I can. I was honored to be named to UMW's Board of Visitors in 2012, have completed my first year, and enjoy the challenge and commitment. Meetings bring me back to campus often. We have a great president and a talented cabinet, and, of course, faculty. I am fortunate that both my advisers, Professor and Chair of Economics Robert S. Rycroft

Julie Clark '85 biked 407 miles from the Missouri River to the Mississippi in the 41st Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

and Distinguished Professor and Chair of Political Science and International Affairs John M. Kramer, are still teaching. I now realize how young they were when I was a student.

Best wishes, and stay in touch.

1983

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The Class of 1983 has some movers and shakers!

Mary Ann Mayer has been innkeeping for 15 years and recently became a great aunt times three. **Regina Hilleary**, owner of Joan of Art Custom Picture Framing in Marshall, Va., completed a huge framing project for Salamander Resort in Middleburg, Va., framing more than 1,500 pieces of art, including BET network co-founder Sheila Johnson's personal photography pieces for each room.

Catherine Gilbert Aldrich and husband John live in Lakewood, Ohio, on Cleveland's west side. Their eldest, Beatrice, graduated

high school with honors, is a freshman majoring in communications at DePaul University, and reports news twice a week on Radio DePaul. Son Evan

is a high school sophomore and JV soccer player. After leaving her post as an art teacher for a community school for gifted education, Catherine is on the board there.

Jewelry making is her passion, and she's still a consultant for BeautiControl cosmetics, along with **Beth Padgett**. John has worked for environmental engineering firm CDM Smith for 33 years.

Linda Goodwin Reviea and husband Bob have been married 27 years. Linda became Staunton, Va., superintendent of schools in summer 2012. **Judith Sweetman Gwynn** is on UMW's Alumni Association board of Directors. Contact her at judithgwynn61@gmail.com with concerns and suggestions.

Sharon Ingram Becker's daughter, Maggie, is a UMW sophomore. Son Brandon and wife Sarah celebrated their first anniversary. Sharon trains horses and dogs and works for Duke University Health System. **Norma Hopkins Griffin** spent 25 years in the biotech industry and switched five years ago to regulatory project management in the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research's office of hematology and oncology products. They recently downsized, moving from Maryland back to Colonial Beach, Va., where they love the Potomac and being close enough to visit UMW.

I'm getting to know Philadelphia. I left Humana and am vice president of accountable care for Mercy Health System, helping them transform and adapt to the new healthcare environment.

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Michelle Evans '87, a registered nurse, had her first stand-up comedy gig last summer at a Virginia Beach club.

Mary Lyn Bartlam Paoella lives in the Atlanta suburb Alpharetta, Ga. She and Chris, married 28 years, have daughters Katie, 25, a recently engaged Atlanta financial analyst, and Betsy, 20, a University of Georgia junior interning at Athens Church. Mary Lyn is a construction company office manager and owns a growing crafting business, making wreaths to sell locally and on Etsy.

Sigrid Skrivseth Houston and husband Scott's 10th-grade son, Michael, became an Eagle Scout, like older son Tim, a Towson University freshman studying music. Daughter Erika plans to graduate from the University of Delaware in May and teach high school English. The family took a cruise to Bermuda last summer. Sigrid and Scott were adjusting to having only one child home most of the time.

Julie Clark biked 407 miles from the Missouri River to the Mississippi in the 41st Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. **Rebecca Rogers Nelson** and husband Durrell moved to Lynchburg, Va., where Durrell is a Liberty University cinematic arts professor. They have four children. Now that their youngest is in kindergarten, Rebecca was directing her first full-length feature film, *Texas Rein*, with filming planned for summer.

Alice Feely Wilson and husband Joe live in Milwaukee, Wis., with children Lily, 15, Cole, 13, and Gus, 11. She stays in touch with **Susan Bancroft Leavitt '83**, who lives in the D.C. area, and **Jennifer Davidson**, who transferred from our class and was completing a landscape architecture master's degree at the University of Cape Town.

Foreign Service Calls

As graduation day approached, **Aissata Traore '13** "frantically" applied for so many summer internships that she'd nearly forgotten about the application she'd sent to the U.S. State Department.

"One day, I'm in my dorm room taking a nap, and I get a phone call that's clearly not from America," she recalled. "They said, 'We want you to interview for a job in Rwanda.'"

Traore, who graduated magna cum laude with degrees in international relations and women's and gender studies, figures it took about four months for her to earn the necessary security clearance to take the internship in the Central African country of Rwanda.

She had to explain every stamp in her passport, not an easy task for a world traveler who was born in Moscow while her mother served in the U.S. Navy. She also had to account for every telephone call she'd placed to a foreign country. Since both her parents were born in the West African country of Mali and she still has many family members there, it was a lengthy process.

But it was worth it for Traore, who had considered a career abroad since before entering college. Whenever she'd visit family in Mali, she'd volunteer with nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) there – she even wrapped up high school in Stafford County a semester early so she and her best friend could spend a few months working at a Mali orphanage.

At UMW, she was captain and president of UMW's Mock Trial Team. She also interned for Spotsylvania Circuit Court Chief Judge David H. Beck and law firm Livesay & Myers.

The writing and public speaking skills she picked up at UMW have been invaluable, she said. Traore's undergraduate thesis, *Women's Experiences*

Aissata Traore, shown here with a Rwandan Twa family, deferred master's studies to work in Rwanda.



"People say, 'What do you do with a degree in women's and gender studies?' You go halfway around the world and change people's lives."

– Professor Allyson Poska on Aissata Traore

in the American Legal Field, earned her a best presentation award from the Women's and Gender Studies Program, where she was known as a standout student.

"Her energy and excitement and enthusiasm, it's infectious. She's interesting, and she's interested in everything," said History and American Studies Professor Allyson Poska, who encouraged Traore to apply for the State Department internship. "People say, 'What do you do with a degree in women's and gender studies?' You go halfway around the world and change people's lives."

Traore considered attending law school but said her experience last summer in Rwanda confirmed for her that a career in the foreign service was a good fit. Though she'd been accepted into a master's program in

international development studies at George Washington University, she deferred her start date until fall 2014 so she could remain in Rwanda, where she accepted a job as grants manager with Rwanda Ventures.

The NGO addresses two key issues – malnutrition and poverty – through its dairy operation. Its team teaches farmers how to get the most nutritious, hygienic milk from their livestock, which maximizes their earning potential. That raw milk is then sold to dairy processors, who distribute it more widely.

Though her primary job is securing funding for Rwanda Ventures, Traore said she's learned to tackle just about any task.

"Titles don't matter in development work," she said. "You do everything, whatever needs to be done."

– Edie Gross

I work with high school English language learners in Wisconsin and this spring will see my first cycle of freshman-to-senior students graduate. Our son works in Seattle, so we planned a spring trip. Our daughter plans to graduate in May and teach fourth grade. Please stay in touch!

1986

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Sarah Martin survived the September 2013 Colorado floods. Her home was a total loss, even though it was 1,000 vertical feet above the flood plain. Sarah evacuated with her dog and, while they were driving out, a watershed broke, sending them surfing down the street. Luckily the car was pinned by a tree trunk and a railroad tie. Sarah started an online donation site and was contracted to run the Relief Exchange, replacing what makes a house a home in their shattered community.

Please, please, please send information!

1987

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From Kim: In August, I was accepted to the Leadership Lawton-Fort Sill program, designed to develop leadership skills and show participants how different aspects of the community are run. We meet for nine months and each month visit a different aspect of the community, such as law enforcement. At about the same time, the opportunity arose to become co-owner of the yoga studio where I've practiced for eight years. My business partner and I took over in September, and I taught my first yoga class. It was a scary experience but has gotten better with each class. I went to Houston in October to complete my 200-hour yoga teacher training and am now certified to teach. Ken and I celebrated our

20th anniversary in June 2013. Contact me via Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac" or email. I'd love to get lots of updates for each edition.

Julie Magness has a spouse who loves theater as much as she does and lets her pick the shows. She still pursues her love of photography and looked forward to vacationing this year in Oregon and Crater Lake. She has a huge yarn stash and specializes in blankets and scarves. So far, she has listened to Kathy saying "three cats are enough," but she remains hopeful.

Michelle Evans of Kill Devil Hills, N.C., is a registered nurse in a Chesapeake Regional Medical Center ICU step-down unit and has sons Taylor, 20, a junior business major at Virginia Tech, and Justin, 23, a College of William and Mary graduate and an IT systems administrator. Michelle had her first stand-up comedy gig last summer at a Virginia Beach club.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin mostly runs her own business, getting hired under contract as a media coach. Clients consult her for personal brand imaging, and she determines if people, businesses, and products have their social media in order across platform. This can include everything from styling them for their professional headshots to coming up with contests and engaging with their audience/clients for them, as them. Jane Ellen specializes in Google+ business pages, runs some pages with millions of followers, trains people to do G+, and helps people get their G+ and YouTube accounts to play nice together. She produces and/or hosts Hangouts on Air, which streams in G+ and ends up on YouTube, and has worked with actors, producer/directors, and the monster brand Skinny Ms. Her newest clients are the celebrated Joe McNally, who's shot lots of *TIME* and *National Geographic* covers, and Roger Hill, pioneering storm chaser and photographer. Jane Ellen and Jim, married 20 years, have Anna Grace in third grade and Jenna in second. Jane Ellen apologized to her mom for everything she ever did to make

her hair turn white. Anna Grace has an after-school "job" at a friend's pet store, making sure the rodentia are well handled and helping transfer fish from back tanks to show tanks. Jim is still at the Putnam County Election Commission and writes for himself and for Jane Ellen's company. Dogs Gracie and Max were old but well. They also have dwarf Siberian hamster Carmen and guinea pigs Cleo, an American silkie, and Ruby, an Abyssinian.

From Rene: Jeanette Bergmann Engel, Anne Zemienieuski Fowler, and I had a reunion weekend at Lake Anna with 1984 MWC Blue Tide basketball teammates Helen Morrow Worst '86, Mel Taylor Bounds '84, Joanne Ciccone Alger '85, and Ruth Bonner Grosskopf '85! Twenty-nine years and 17 kids later, and everyone is doing great!

1988

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Annice Hirt van der Sluis hadn't sent anything for *Class Notes* in 25 years! She worked, traveled, hung out, lived abroad, learned Spanish, and explored different careers, before pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education. She worked the next several years in Alexandria, Va., developing a bilingual preschool special education program and using her experience and skills to support children growing up bilingually. She and violinist husband Howard met while she was working at public schools, married in 2006, and have two girls. Annice homeschools Fiona, 7, and Sophie, 5, and is a part-time early childhood education consultant. She reconnected with classmates at the 25th reunion and has been keeping up with old friends in the D.C. area.

Jay Bradshaw heard from **Lianne Wilkens Best**, an official empty nester. Daughter Amanda is in her final semester at Johns Hopkins, and son Nicholas goes to the College of William and Mary. After a decade spending evenings on school and sports activities, Lianne is finding herself ... at the gym. She still recruits for Employment Enterprises. She and husband Buck, a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue captain, will celebrate 25 years of marriage this spring. **Amy Sullivan** and Jim celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last March. Son Jake married Stephanie in July; majors in political science and American studies and minors in history, homeland security, and math at Christopher Newport University; and planned to graduate in spring. Amy teaches math in the Fredericksburg area and now has a math teacher daughter-in-law. They are some of the youngest empty nesters they know, but they love it!

DeAnna Toten Beard '91, professor of theater history at Baylor University, researches and writes about military-themed theater from World War I.

Don Appiarius planned to move to Indiana for a new job.

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Greeting, Class of 1991! Hope this finds you all well.



Yvette Herbert Hayes moved from her hometown, Richmond, to Chester, U.K., where husband Paul had the opportunity to launch a data center for Bank of America. After 21 years with Bank of America, Yvette planned to take a leave of absence and learn the EMEA side of the business. They love to travel and see this as an opportunity to travel around Europe and Asia.

Marc Rolfe '92 is based in Shanghai and works for SAP America.

Stan Gallagher-Smith, formerly **Stan A. Smith Jr.**, and wife Kellie, both United Methodist pastors, live and serve churches in Louisburg, N.C. Daughter Dottie is a high school sophomore. Son Wilson is in eighth grade. They have pets Lena and Lola. Stan said he had an incredible college experience at "the Wash" with awesome friends and memories to last a lifetime. He hopes his children will follow in his footsteps down Campus Walk and be likewise blessed.

DeAnna Toten Beard is professor of theater history, graduate theater program director, and associate chair of the theater department at Baylor University in Texas. She researches and writes about military-themed theater during World War I. Husband Kemper also works at Baylor, where their older child, Gracie, is a sophomore anthropology major. Younger child Henry is a high school freshman active in Boy Scouts, speech and debate, and theater. DeAnna plans to start teaching courses in England this summer through the Baylor in Oxford program.

Lisa Poindexter Hayslett and Sam's daughter, **MacKenzie Plaia '17**, is a UMW freshman. Lisa has enjoyed seeing campus again and said Dean of Student Life **Cedric Rucker '81** hasn't changed a bit since we graduated. She's been in touch with **Heather Muir Sutton**, who is married with two young boys.

Sandy Snead Gregor graduated

from the U.Va. School of Law in 2001, worked at the Richmond law firms of McGuire Woods and Morris & Morris, and has practiced personal injury law in Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen's Fredericksburg office since fall 2013. Sandy, husband Ken, and son Nate, 9, have lived in Richmond's Fan District for 12 years.

Susan Gray Herring, husband Brent, and children Mark, 15, Laura, 14, and Matthew,

9, traveled to Krakow, Poland, last summer for Brent's brother's wedding in a 14th-century castle. They spent three whirlwind days in Poland, then the whole extended Herring family and friends flew to Italy and stayed seven days in a Tuscan villa in the middle of a family-run vineyard and olive grove. They saw Siena, Pisa, and Florence.

I'm fortunate to keep in touch with many of you via Facebook or in person, but I only submit what's sent to me specifically for *UMW Magazine*

so nothing is published without permission. Send information you'd like included in upcoming issues. It's always great to hear from you!

1992

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Thanks to all who sent news. Please continue – or start – to do so. Some of us keep in touch through email and Facebook, but this magazine's format is a wonderful way to stay connected with Mary Washington and one another. I hope to see many more updates in the future!

My husband and I spent a week on St. Simons Island, Ga., an annual ritual tied to Tom's work conference at the King and Prince resort. We saw the famous Driftwood Beach on Jekyll

Island. Tom and I stay active with the Atlanta Outdoor Club and lead hikes and camping trips all over the southeast. I'm serving my second term as social director on our homeowners association board. I welcome new people to the neighborhood, organize fun events like caroling and a supper club, and edit our community newsletter. Tom and I celebrated our 14th anniversary in October in St. Lucia, our fourth trip there. We spent a week each at Sandals Grande St. Lucian in Gros Islet and Sandals Regency La Toc in Castries and scuba dived. We were contemplating staying put for Thanksgiving and Christmas and finishing our home renovations, but the road always seems to call to us. I'll keep you posted.

Matt Downs has been program manager for SAP America for eight years and plans to travel a couple months before taking a position in the natural gas industry. **Marc Rolfe**, based in Shanghai, also works for SAP.

Josh Parker '98 took a chance in the food truck craze and rolled out his own Mexican-themed "Flying Burrito."

John Hannan is a sales director for Novartis in Apex, N.C. **Stewart Langley** of Lynchburg, Va., manages his real estate holdings.

Kate Stanford McCown, husband John, Mary Ella, 10, Jack, 9, and Ashlyn, 2, settled back into life in Marietta, Ga. John is a senior director of tax strategy for Home Depot. Kate was team mom for Jack's football team and toted Mary Ella to gymnastics this fall. They vacationed in Hilton Head, S.C., and planned to visit southern Georgia and Virginia for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Christine Harrison Grant and longtime fiancé Thomas Casey planned to marry in a small December ceremony in Atlantic Beach, N.C. Christine is director of major gifts for Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina. Tom is

an electronics tech/engineer for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. They adopted three 6-month-old kittens.

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In addition to his newly published science fiction novel, *The Dogs Don't Bark in Brooklyn Any More*, **Eric Nolan's** poetry and short stories were extensively published over the past year in the United States, Britain, and Australia. Most recently, his *Three Dreamers* trilogy of poems appeared in *Illumen* magazine in America and in the Dagda Publishing poetry anthology *Threads* in the United Kingdom.

1995

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Robin Kozic McCann and husband Christopher welcomed Sage Lawrence in July. He was seven weeks early and weighed 3 pounds, 12 ounces, but was almost 12 pounds and doing great by the November *Class Notes* deadline. **Cheryl Mote Chafos** welcomed fourth boy Christopher George in September in San Antonio, where she moved with her husband in June for his two-year assignment as commander of the 470th Military Intelligence

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Brigade. They'd lived 10 years in Fort Meade, Md., and he'd been deployed to Afghanistan for a year. Cheryl enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and her duties as an Army spouse.

Annmarie Hirst Barone teaches Latin in Exeter, N.H., and has sons Christian, 8, and Sebastian, 5. Husband Christian taught them all how to ride dirt bikes and they ride on area trails. When **MJ Figel Day** wasn't traveling and preparing for the 50th anniversary issue of *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit*, she spent time with husband Brian, son Parker, and dog Chloe.

Myronee Simpson is in her ninth year at New Jersey's Ranney School, where she's co-director of college guidance. She served this year as president of the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling, as a member of leadership for the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, and on the NACAC Affiliate Presidents Council.

I'm back at work with UnitedHealth Group's Optum division after my position was eliminated from the company's UnitedHealthcare arm. I took an 18-week "sabbatical" with my severance package and spent summer and part of fall traveling, spending time with family and friends, and working on home projects. During that time, **Kira Stchur** and fiancé Eddie visited from Texas and got to experience the Minnesota State Fair and a couple of our 10,000 lakes. I visited my family in New York, and toured Amsterdam, Salzburg, and several cities in Germany with my mom and my husband, Wade Van House.

1998

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Betsy Kiger West, husband Michael, and daughter Ella welcomed Hannah Claire in October. **Jayne Morris Van Horn** and **Chris Van Horn** completed – maybe? – their sextet with daughter Charley, born in August. **Matt Galeone**

of Baltimore adopted Aaron Christopher, born in June. Matt wrote *The Champion of Clarendon Ditch* trilogy, available from Amazon and independent booksellers.

Wes Dunn, Joanna Riedel Dunn, and children Zella and Foster moved from Capitol Hill to Kensington, Md. **Josh Parker** saw an opportunity in the food truck craze and rolled out his own Mexican-themed truck, The Flying Burrito. Find him at Williamsburg-area tourist attractions.

Keep those updates rolling in! Include your maiden name and let me know if you're married to another Mary Washington graduate from another year.

1999

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Jamie Twomey Test, wife **Meghan Test '02**, and Malorie, age 2, welcomed son Gavin in June. **Kasey Quackenbush Tross**, her husband, and their four children live in Richmond. Kasey is a stay-at-home mom and freelance writer who's had short stories published in magazines and anthology books and writes regularly for the

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Jay Sinha lives in Arlington, Va., and practices cyber-security law and civil litigation as a second-year associate attorney with LeClairRyan. He was in the Sorensen Institute Emerging Leaders Program class of 2013 through U.Va. and had a great time last year at UMW's homecoming. Jay invites fellow alumni to join the Mary Washington Legal Alumni Group on LinkedIn.

Sarah Reese earned a Ph.D. in biostatistics at VCU in May and started a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, N.C. She and fiancé Elliott plan to marry in June. **Robert Hughes** and **Erin Keegan Hughes** welcomed first child Claire Elizabeth in September.

2008

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Joni Prodoehl-Briganti set a personal record at the August USA Triathlon National Championships in Milwaukee, hoped to be placed on Team USA for the world competition in 2015, and planned to compete in Ironman Arizona in November.

Laura Boyette earned a master's degree in global affairs from George Mason University in 2012. She married Nando Alvarez of Quito, Ecuador, in August.

Trevor Daubenspeck earned an MBA from the College of William and Mary's Mason School of Business and traveled to Cuba, Greece, and Italy. He is a business analyst for the Richmond law firm LeClairRyan.

Yesica Nunez, a Fairfax County Public Schools special education teacher, started Northcentral University's online doctoral program. She thanks UMW for preparing her for any challenge.

Alyssa Lee has worked five years at Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital. She planned to pursue a master's degree in public administration and to travel with family to Cambodia and Vietnam for two weeks in January.

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Jessica Van Brocklin, a speech pathologist, and **Caleb Smith** live in the Washington, D.C., area. They got engaged in August at the top of the U.S. Capitol. **Kristin Pytko** and **Howard Graham** of Baltimore are engaged to be married in October 2014. Elementary school teacher **Catie Treblow** married **Brian Bales**, who works for Northern

Virginia Community College, in November in Virginia. **Brent Colin Turner**, a second-year medical student at MCV in Richmond, was named to a three-year term on the board of directors of Medical Students for Choice.

Emily McAlpine Copps and **Will Copps '08** moved to Stuttgart, Germany, last summer for Will's three-year U.S. government job assignment. Emily was taking German and started an online master's program in library science through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

2010

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In December, **Jessica Smith** earned a master's degree in psychology, and **Leslie Worthington '08** earned a certificate in Spanish translation. They plan an October wedding in Baltimore.

2011

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2012

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Merry Saez married **Matt Eversole '10** in Williamsburg in April. **Logan Metesh '10** was best man and **Laura Vorona** was maid of honor. A very Mary Washington wedding!

Mariana Hermosilla is creating a five-day-a-week Spanish program that will turn into a dual-language program, the first of its kind in the region, at a Roanoke, Va., independent school.

Mohammad Mesbahi plans to pursue a J.D. at American University's Washington College of Law. **Lauren Bennett** moved from Rhode Island to Lynchburg, Va., in February 2013, got engaged to **Witt LeFew '13** in June, and plans a May 2015 wedding.

2013

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IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Teed Wafle '37
Neva Burcher Brooks '38
Zelma Mae Timberlake Revere '38
Elizabeth Alexander Howdershell '39
Mary Cox Moncure '40
Margaret Maxwell Mueller '40
Etwindia Trapnell Williams '40
Evelyn Williams Bass '41
Mildred Carpenter Jarecke '41
Mary Repass Morgan '41
Margaret Alan Lonergan '42
Bertha Dickinson Taylor Baldwin '43
Elisabeth "Betty" Trinkleback Oakley '43
Eleanor Wilbourne Pinkerton '43
Mary Betty Huff '44
Elsie Stone Palmore '44
Catherine Husted Perkins '44
Mildred Ryland Winston '44
Kathryn Teague Chaffin '45
Patricia McQuide McCauley '45
Nancy Clarke Darby Morrisette '45
Jane Cowling Goodwin Newell '45
Effie Sanderlin Robinson '45
Frances Bible Bryant '46
Mary Ann Phillips Smith Lynch '46
Nancy Ware Riley Robinson '46
Jeanne Tillery Vesey '46
Peggy Horton Whitted '46
Barbara "Babs" Spencer Read '47
Margaret Joy Hill Tjeltveit '47

Lucy Lombardi Bruck '48
Adrienne Murray "Rara" Dyett '48
Vivian Fulton Lamb '48
Virginia Belle Wilson Monroe '48
Joyce Cissel Nichols '48
Peyton Lewis Penkowsky '48
Jean Sholes Brooks '49
Martha Joseph Coleman '49
Helen Strickler Cox '49
Virginia Lee "Ginnie" Miller Curnutte '49
Mary Wade Long Johnson '49
Jean Hawkins Bailey '50
Katherine Venezio Boffa '50
Elmira Jane Doolittle Daniel '50
Imelda McDowell Riley "Tutts" Harris '50
Betty Jean Snidow Henley '51
Betty Hatch Miller '52
Ellen Sullender Minter '52
Janye Dance Powell '52
Betty Jo Braithwaite Gayle Stanton '52
Mary Jean Dunning Hall '53
Barbara Pritchard Jones '53
Barbara Hunt Navas '53
Beverley Fretwell Sanford '53
Joan Marie Walrath '53
Rose Poindexter Dowdy '54
Ann Perkinson Prince '54
Miriam "Mim" Frazier Korshak '55
Josephine Jane Williams Phillips Van Hook '55
Marilyn Jarvie Hans '56
Ann Urquhart Litvak '56
Judith Hilton Grubb '57
Joanna Taylor Higinbotham '57
Lucile Geoghegan Cheshire '58
Janet-Cary Stern Wayland '58
Susan Emmons Archer Hinzman '60
Ruth Elizabeth Williams '60
Judith "Judy" Byrd Lewis Clark '61
Catharine "Cay" Whichard Lewis '61
Nancy Moore Kelly '64
Ethel Lloyd Thomas Turner '64
Carole Lowrance Stephens '66
Melanie Tunney Weart '68

Daisy Lee Hash Krout '75
Faith Marie Lynch Johnson '77
Cynthia Lynn "Cindy" Barham Peak '81
Kathryn Irene Ward Dickinson '87
Rosemary Behney Jarman '87
Erika Hodges Smith '92
Barbara Saunders Thornton '92
Michael Laban Malin '02
Sandra "Sandi" Pearlman '05
Brett Allen Bryant '16

CONDOLENCES

Lucretia "Lucy" Vance Gilmer '49, who lost her brother
Mary Lee Coleman Heaton '50, who lost her sister
Betty Cranford Besley '53, who lost her daughter
Carole Faison Rasmussen '60, who lost her husband
Carol Anne Schock Furman '61, who lost her husband and her daughter
Susan Whichard Cliatt '62, who lost her sister
Emily Lewis '62, who lost her sister
Amanda Whichard Cebrowski '63, who lost her sister
Ann Boatright Bonadio '68, who lost her husband
Mary Anne Burns '71, who lost her mother
Teresa "Terri" Navas Slocomb '77, who lost her mother
Barbara Pittman Ferrier '80, who lost her husband and her daughter
Bonnie McPheeters Phillips '92, who lost her father
Karen Beth Pearlman '00, who lost her sister
Catherine "Cathy" Emily Kohler Malin '02, who lost her husband



Donald Rallis: Open to the World

By Professor of Geography Stephen P. Hanna, on the retirement of his friend and colleague

A portrait of Nelson Mandela hung in the office of Associate Professor of Geography Donald Rallis most of his 23 years at Mary Washington. The South African leader personified the anti-apartheid movement, and many professors and students saw him as a symbol of freedom and justice. But Rallis' choice to so honor Mandela revealed aspects of Rallis' character and accomplishments that deserve notice on his retirement from UMW.

Rallis grew up in apartheid South Africa and enjoyed the privileges that system afforded whites. Yet, at University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, in the late 1970s, his sense of justice led him to become an activist against apartheid. In 1982, he left South Africa to avoid compulsory service in a military charged with preserving the racist state. He finished his studies in the U.S.

In 1990, Rallis arrived at Mary Washington College – a smaller, quieter, and less diverse institution than UMW is today. He created courses in third world development and world cities, and he encouraged students to open up to the diversity of the world. He taught that overcoming injustice required perseverance and knowledge – and his students learned that geography provides an approach to obtaining that knowledge.

American University Associate Professor of Geography **Carole Gallaher '91** took courses in urban and economic geography with Rallis his first year at Mary Washington. "Donald probably doesn't know it, but he is the reason I went to grad school," she said. "He opened my eyes to ... geography as a way of doing research."

In the early '90s, momentous changes occurred in South Africa. Mandela was freed, and after a few years was elected president of the post-apartheid state. Rallis quickly organized a study-abroad program so that students could experience these changes.

Patty Mims '92 participated in the first of those programs. "The cultural and geographic experiences we had in South Africa enlightened me to hope, struggles for equality, and the ability of people to always make the best of every situation," she said. Today she works for ESRI, a supplier of GIS software, Web GIS, and geodatabase management applications.

A few years later, in the Johannesburg suburb of Houghton, Rallis and his students passed by Mandela as he

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– *Carole Gallaher '91*



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took his morning walk. The leader stopped to shake

hands with every member of the group, providing Mary Washington students with once-in-a-lifetime memories.

Rallis' pursuit of social justice has profoundly affected Mary Washington. In South Africa and as a graduate student in the United States, Rallis had been open about being gay. Upon his arrival at Mary Washington, however, friends cautioned him against making this identity known. But when then-President Bill Clinton established the infamous "don't ask, don't tell" policy for the armed services, Rallis was compelled to speak out.

"I am gay and I am angry," he wrote in a 1993 op-ed in *The Bullet*, which led to a campus forum on homosexuality.

Frostburg State University Assistant Professor of Geography **Richard Russo '93** and others who attended the forum – a debate between Rallis and another professor – cite Rallis' public courage as giving them the strength to embrace their own identities and to stand proud as gay people. UMW Professor of History **Jeffery McClurken '94** said fellow students reconsidered their own homophobia in the wake of the event. He credits Rallis with moving UMW toward welcoming LGBT students.

Rallis created field programs in South Africa, Cambodia, and Australia and New Zealand. His ability to draw insights about culture from even the most mundane landscapes inspired students to explore the world and become geographers, no matter their major. He integrated Web-based technologies into his classes in the 1990s and continues to use technology to take students into the world and to bring the world to their classrooms.

Rallis has joined the faculty of the American University of Phnom Penh, and we hope he will continue to inspire Mary Washington students by teaching online classes and, perhaps, by leading field programs in Cambodia.

The University of Mary Washington wishes him every success.



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Q. Which class years are represented by the red devils, and which by the green goats?

Q. How and when did the devil-goat rivalry begin at Mary Washington?

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On the Ball

Eagles guard Marcellus Holley '14 (2) and forward John Yoxthimer '16 (5) defend the ball for a January 76-65 win over Christopher Newport University. UMW again trounced CNU to win the March CAC Championship. The Eagles went on to earn their first-ever appearance in the NCAA's Sweet 16, which they were set to host as *UMW Magazine* went to press.